YEŞIM SAĞLAM:

Good morning, good afternoon and good evening to everyone. Welcome to the APRALO monthly teleconference taking place on Thursday, 17th of November, 2022, at 06:00 UTC. On our call today, we have Amrita Choudhury, Jahangir Hossain, Lianna Galstyan, Shreedeep Rayamajhi, Cheryl Langdon-Orr, Gunela Astbrink, Ali Almeshal, Pavan Budhrani, Samik Kharel, Shah Rahman, Aris Ignacio, Eranga Samararathna, and Laxmi Prasad Yadav. Currently, we don't have anyone listed on the Chinese channel. And we have Herb Waye, the Ombudsman on the call as well.

Just to go over the apologies. We have received the apologies from Satish Babu, Justine Chew, and Leon Sanchez. And from staff side, we have Gisella Gruber and myself Yeşim Sağlam. And I'll also be doing call management for today's call. And as usual, we have the Chinese interpretation. And just to note for our interpreters, we have Sandy and Ray with us today for the interpretation. And before we get started, just a kind reminder to please state your name before speaking, not only for the transcription, but also for the interpretation purposes as well, please. And with this, I would like to leave the floor back over to you, Amrita. Thank you very much.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY:

Thank you, Yeşim, and welcome, everyone. Amrita, for the record. So today, we have a few updates, which would be shared in terms of developments, which are happening, which may be of interest to the region. We would first have Maureen share it more about what the DNS Abuse institute is doing and the initiatives and how it is of interest

to APRALO and At-Large. We would have Shreedeep sharing his plans on the APRALO policy forum, and we look forward to your comments.

Then Gisella would be giving us an overview of the ABR. What's our corporate proposal and whether ALS's can apply for it, what are the criteria. Then Cheryl will be picking up a very important, few important discussions on why we need to restart the discussions on the rules of procedures and the election process for APRALO. Ali will be sharing the NomCom update and few announcements from the NomCom. And there is an AOB section where we can discuss anything which any of you feel we need to discuss. So without much ado, I will pass it on to Maureen. And let's hear from you about the DNS Institute and its initiatives.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Well, thank you so much. Yes, it was sort of a bit of a surprise as to present something and it was sort of like something quite off the custody. But I just wanted to mention this because it is something that it's an organization that I belong to for a while. And I really think it's important. It's okay, surety. I really think it's important that we should all know about it.

So next on, it started, I know I don't have that much time. I'm just going to keep a tab on the time. The DNS Abuse institute was actually as I've got here, it's a brainchild of PIR. And for those of you who don't know PIR, the public interest registry, it's an organization that was actually formed by the Internet society in about 2002, I believe, to sell .org domains. And because they are internet society, like .org, and they sort

of like they could probably make the [00:04:32 -inaudible] for their organization.

And, of course, since it opened shop in 2002, 20 years ago, so they've got $10.5 million .org domain. And, of course, not only do they give money -- because it's not for profit. So not only do they give money to the Internet society, they also have their own projects. And of course, one, if you've been looking on Facebook, you will have noticed that PIR have recently been running .org award. And they have had winners.

People, I think I had hundreds. I had hundreds of applications for .org organizations that have been doing fantastic things around the world. And because of this, I say we're really concerned that all these people are doing good things around the world, doing good for the world. And then we hear people who abuse use of domain names. So they still wanted to do something. They felt that they had a responsibility for .org and they wanted to make sure that .org domain could stay safe.

So the first thing they sort of thing we talked about, and I and of course, I was on the Advisory Council at the time. And so I was right there when it happened. And we started talking about like, we're going to make people more aware of what DNS Abuse is and get some get some information out. The second thing was that we needed to work in and, of course, they as a registry themselves they already had a network of other registries and registries. So really quite keen to support the whole DNS abuse issue. They are mitigating at making it safer for Internet users.

The third thing that they felt was really important is that in order to select, find out what they could do, they needed to actually find out how big the problem was. So they needed to get some sort of mechanism where people could actually let them know. And they're thinking, well, how are we going to do this? That's the creation of the DNS abuse Institute. They wanted something, some organizations to select run it and do all the things that they felt was important to actually try and stop DNS abuse.

Next slide, please. So what does it do? What does the institute actually do? Right. Okay. Well, they just as At-Large says, three pillars. Yeah, policy, operations, and outreach. Here the DNS abuse institute has three pillars, innovation, education, collaboration. And that whole innovation is based around defining ways in which they can solve this whole DNS abuse problem. Education is indicating not only end users like us who need to know what DNS abuse is about, but also educating the technical community that work within registries and registrars just so, like, get them to look at how are people are able to do this. What can we do to actually make it make so as to stop it? So they've got that kind of education going on.

But the whole collaboration thing is not only the collaboration between registries and registers together to make this, to solve the problem. It's getting the collaboration of a community and encouraging you out there who are experiencing DNS abuse. And the five types of DNS abuse that actually that they focus on are listed. Now we are phishing, filing, spam, and botnet. If you have any experience of those, contact NetBeacon and report it. It's really important that this happens because that's what makes their job easier to have this information and to be able to

work with that information and help. You know, we've got to solve this whole DNS abuse problem.

Next slide. Right. So who runs it? Okay. Well, the two people who actually select do all the hard work. They've grand bounds in the leadership. They are the ones that they're networking, they're guiding the policy. They're actually working with [00:09:49 -inaudible] who's actually on the DNS Advisory Council. He's the technical guru. He's helping and essentially a collaboration with the people. There's some really very knowledgeable people on the Advisory Council.

And of course, I got asked to join because I've been [00:10:14 - inaudible] for five years, and I said, I can believe you've got a job. And it was really good to be able to join Bruna, of course, from [00:10:24 - inaudible], who came from the PIR Advisory Council with me. But then again, you'll probably see some familiar faces on the Council.

Yeah. And so it's a multistakeholder, very experienced Advisory Council. So they are for half and these guys provide advice and these people who are from registries and registrars and people -- I mean, like for example Bruce Duncan and Chris Disspain. I mean, they come from ccTLD .au. So I mean, there's a lot of experience on the Council, and it's we've actually helped to get it up and running. But as I said before, [00:11:22 - inaudible] we're going to do the work. PIR is at their back.

PIR just, like, basically, bank vault that provide all the support that they need in order to make it work. Because it's been PIRs and other registries and registrar's interest to make it, to have it working efficiently. So that's really Advisory Council. And of course, there's a

Board and Jeff Bedser is right in the middle of this group. He was elected as the chair of the board of PIR in the last year. So he's right in the thick of things by being on the council.

Next. So how can you help? Okay. And this is the cracks of the whole thing. Is that I've got a newsletter that comes out every -- a quarterly newsletter which they are actually sort of [00:12:28 - inaudible]. And I think I try to inform people that it is coming out. But it gives an update on the information that's coming in and how they're actually, how they're using the information and to try and identify solutions for the DNS problem. You can actually educate yourself. Okay? That's a certain sort of thing. So it's being informed, first of all, and finding out about what's happening, and updating yourself on what's happening with DNS abuse solutions.

The second thing is educating yourself. Now this DNS abuse is like institute learning center, or technical select. So if you're really into technical stuff, go to that. If you're just learning about domain and wanting to know about DNS Abuse and how you can keep yourself safe, I have a go to the .org Learning Center, and I've got the address here. And also, do you want to know about DNS Abuse and you want to report it, NetBeacon.org is where you would actually go to as well.

So I've got one more slide after this. And this is just a graphic. That actually is one of the graphics in the latest compass report given themselves a name for their new [00:14:03 - inaudible]. And in that, this is actually showing you that, for example, over the last four months, they've had more than 30,000 or nearly for July alone, but 30,000 phishing cases.

And the blue line is the declining number of nowhere cases. But phishing is still an issue. And, of course that phishing is like, people who try to get your password or ask you for things. You think you're actually giving it to the right person and you're not. So what we're saying is people need to be aware that this is happening and that you need to take care. Okay?

So the first thing if you get the other thing, read this month's report, very interesting information. And I'm sure that it'll be really good for everyone to be a little bit more aware of what the institute is doing and how it can help solve the problem. Thank you. Amrita, I think I'm done.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY: Thank you so much, Maureen. There was a question from Shah in the chat which says Advisory Council members appointed by organization or individual capacity. And there is a hand from Jahangir. So should we take both of them together or you want to answer one and then take the next?

MAUREEN HILYARD: I'll just answer, Shah's. We're actually appointed. Yeah. I mean, I actually I thought that I was being appointed to the Advisory Council because I was the elected and end user. But, no, I was appointed for me. And I guess it's my PIR experience as well. So yeah. I don't know how they go to. I don't know. I don't know how they decided that. Jahangir.

JAHANGIR HOSSAIN: Hi, Maureen. Thank you very much for sharing this information. I think this is very important to work with DNS institution or [00:16:24 - inaudible] in the upcoming [00:16:25 - inaudible]. And individual ALSes can also work on this with the help of DNS institutions. I think we should probably work through AFRALO team as well as individual ALS member as well. There opportunity to learn and implement.

I am totally a technical guy. I feel this is very important in my technical side. As well as our committee member, internal community member. For example, we are a member for more than one thousand members technical in our chapter. As well I'm involved in operator group in Bangladesh. So I feel this type of learning and reporting, if we share exchange with our members, they will implement and learn how to resolve the issue. So I think APRALO and ALS can make with DNS institution, how we can go work with them to learn our actions, build the capacity and knowledge as well. It's a great initiative. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you so much for that. One of the things that in regards to outreach and engagement, one of the things, of course, is like spending a little bit more time on looking at issues, like policy issues at DNS Abuse. It would be so good for APRALO to be gathering together a little group who might want to put out resources that we can actually get out to our communities that will actually spread the news about how people can take care.

I mean, I think sometimes we'll say what farming I mean, I always get confused. Farming, phishing when you're going through all those sorts

of things. People need to know, and they need to know how they can take care. I forgot to mention, Lianna is on the Advisory Councilmen of PIR. So she'll probably end up coming on to the DNS Abuse if she's [00:18:23 - inaudible]. Thank you.

JAHANGIR HOSSAIN: Sorry for the interruption. I think we can share this information in our mailing list of APRALO so that APRALO leaders or APRALO members, individual members they will know the information so that they can be able to explore this information in their local point as well so that it will be more meaningful in upcoming days. Thank you.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY: Thank you so much, Jahangir. And Cheryl had a comment that perhaps little toolkit for local use by members would be good. And that brings us to the next part wherein we discuss the APRALO policy forum, which Shreedeep is heading. And we would like to hear Shreedeep's plans out here and also having these kind of discussions on DNS Abuse or how network operators or others can benefit from the learning resources guide. Tools could be certain discussions, which we could have from the policy forum. So Shreedeep, over to you and you. And you have 10 minutes top more.

SHREEDEEP RAYAMAJHI: Thank you, Amrita. You know, it's just quite interesting to hear experience leaders talk about issues. And is the kind of intervention I think we need to put in. And thank you Maureen for stepping in for

this. Regarding the policy for APRALO policy forum, I think a policy making is one of the most crucial aspects of our community. And at individual level or community level, it is quite scared. I need to say people are not engaging that much. And I believe that we need to further help normalize the issue of policy in terms of how people perceive a policy. So my vision of APRALO forum is to create a better capacity building. I need to say there are leaders like you, Satish, Maureen, you have so much of experience in terms of policy.

So we want to get you into the hotspot and get all the information so that it helps us understand what policy is. Apart from that, we would be further focusing on communication because a lot of the times, what happens is communication is something that has a crucial role to play in. So we would focus all that. Apart from that engagement we believe that, I believe strongly believe that engagement is something that happens when there is an effort and when there is a certain motivation as well. And for engagement, what we are planning, what I'm planning to do is set up a document in terms of collecting issues, challenges and problems according to countries.

And as mentioned in the last APRALO meeting, Nabeel mentioned some issues. So these issues have to be collected and put on to the bigger forum so that a greater attention can be brought in. We would probably have-- we will meet webinars. We will focus on bringing in the liaisons, the different liaisons that we have in the policy making process and make it more feasible for the individual members and communities. I think it is a great opportunity for us to further engage with our ALS leaders as well and we would be putting them into the hotspot.

And similarly, we have just opened up for the membership of the APRALO policy forum. And I think there are a few members who have applied it. So within this week, we will have a group of people and we'll probably talk about further productivity or collaborative vision about how we can achieve those objectives in simplifying policy and how we can take policy to the local level. And regarding this we had discussions with you, with Justine as well. And the work that has been done in the past years, we want to bring that in as well.

So that is my vision and if you have, if any of the members have any ideas, please do add in so that we can further make it in. And then I think policy has been seen as a very bigger topic where people are quite hesitant. So the most important thing right now for us is to break that ice and to get the PDP process that all the things that are happening and make it more feasible for our community to absorb because a lot of the things are happening in different groups.

And those things have to be put it in a simpler way where can be absorbed by the community. So that would be my focus. And as soon as is formalized, we formalize, I need to say that there are people, and we are planning to have our first calls by next week. And we will probably be able to put it into our document and get you. So those are my plans. Thank you, Amrita. I would love to hear if there are any comments.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY: Yeah. There are some hands Shreedeep, but this does question. I think there was also a discussion that we will be looking at it in two ways.

One is building new people, raising the team, and also encouraging already people who have somewhat understanding on the basic things which have been discussed in CPWD or At-Large to be also discussed. So yes, there are people I see who have shown interest in the policy forum, but request each of you to spread it to the other ALS's just in case people can join, not necessarily understand, have complete understanding, but I see Cheryl's and Lianna's hand. So Cheryl's first you and then Lianna.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thank you very much, Amrita. Cheryl Langdon-Orr, for the record. Shreedeep, you may be horrified to know I've joined up your group, so you'll be hearing a whole lot more from me about policy. Kind of know a little bit about that. But the reason I'm asking this question is you mentioned webinars and I just wanted to make sure that there was no plan or intention from you to duplicate unnecessarily things that are handled by other webinars, those that come out regularly on all major policy matters and public comments now by org and in many cases specifically designed and run in the regions. And of course, those that are also done by the Apex space. So I think we need to make sure we can assure everybody that this won't be duplicated or busy work. It will be work that complements what's going on ICANN wise, and that meets the specific needs for our region.

SHREEDEEP RAYAMAJHI: Sure, Cheryl. Totally taken in. I think --

AMRITA CHOUDHURY: Shreedeep did you wanted to continue? Please, do.

SHREEDEEP RAYAMAJHI: Yes. So, Cheryl, when I said webinar, I wanted to highlight the point that as I talk, that we want to bring in people like you who would come up and talk about what policy, the real policy process is because a lot of the times what is happening at the individual community level is people are not opening up to that. So it would kind of like seize it to our way. And further we will bring in the liaison and probably have policy update things as well. So those are the plans. And then mostly we will have the group discuss on this, and then we'll finalize the document.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY: Yes. Thanks, Shreedeep. Cheryl just to answer you and Shreedeep correct me if I'm wrong. We had an initial call as in Justine, me, Aris, Gunela, with Shreedeep. And what we were discussing is what Shreedeep is meaning by capacity building is having an initial discussion with ALS members on what the APRALO policy forum or CPWG is, why it is important to participate, how they can participate or bring in their local issue also or vice versa, how they can take down what is being discussed at the various levels.

Simultaneously, we had those fireside chats, which were pretty successful based upon what has not happened, etc., perhaps we could have a schedule wherein we have some fireside chat kind of a thing. So I guess what he tries to say is have a combination of things. But again, we will have to see the plans, etc. And since you are in the group, I'm sure we will see some good plan. Lianna, you had your hand up.

LIANNA GALSTYAN: Yes. Thank you, Amrita. Lianna Galstyan for the record. Just maybe as an idea of what would be, what can be included also in the policy discussions in the policy forum?   We can use I mean, I'm sure you discussed this, but also as an idea to include the hot topics, the survey that has been done. So the topics that is a particular interest for the region for our ALS members to include and bring the agenda over these topics. Thank you.

SHREEDEEP RAYAMAJHI: Yes, certainly. Certainly, Lianna. We had a discussion with the APRALO team and we discussed about how we will be further taking the step in realizing the work that has been done. So, certainly, that could add up.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY: Jahangir, you had your hand up.

JAHANGIR HOSSAIN: Sorry, actually, I was hand up during the Lianna comment. I fully agree with Lianna.   We should discuss and being the topic in this policy APRALO policy forum based on the hot topics area. In the meantime, if some of the members or some of the ALS members might not be still on the issue so that in the meantime, we can parallel build the initial capacity building, how they can put comment on the policy. But the two initiatives can be probably one hot topic.

As already Liana has said, the detailed topics will be discussed those who actually want to involve actively. And in the meantime, those who are unable to active or want to interest to become active but don't know how to put comments, then I will make a platform for this forum to build that capacity as well. I think we should continue this strategy. I hope is what is initiated from Justine. I hope you and Justine are volunteers [00:30:32 - inaudible] lead this. I'm happy to volunteer in this issue. I was involved last time with Justine in this policy forum. We will engage more in the upcoming days as well. Thank you.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY: Thanks, Jahangir, and we hope to see you active this time. I have [00:30:51 -inaudible] that way. So yes, please do sign up and be active. And we need to carry on the good practices, which have happened earlier and build in new things so that we can make it much more empowered. So now I will move on to Gisella, who will be sharing more about us on the ABR. So Gisella, we would like to know from you what is an ABR, how can ALS's or members take benefit of it and how can they apply etc., etc., more on this.

GISELLA GRUBER: Amrita, thank you. This is Gisella for the record and I hope you can hear me. Thank you. So just briefly running through this, I'd just like to point out that we have put up on the screen, the Wiki page for the FY 24 budget development. And this page and I've been reading through it myself as Heidi usually deals with the ABRs. I've been reading through

this and it contains a huge amount of information and we're just going to run through it as it stands on the screen.

So the ABR is part of the annual ICAN operating plan and budget planning cycle. And these additional budget requests are not meant to cover items that are already within the ICANN budget. Again, you can find the details of the ICANN budget on this page. So please read this page with great care. This is really the key workspace for the information.

More importantly, we have added the additional steps for At-Large and this also includes a criteria for the additional budget requests. And we need to make sure that they reflect what the At-Large and the ALAC would like to see in terms of activities. So the RALO requests should be strategic and in line with the region's strategic plans and the RALO strategic outreach plans and the At-Large project activity.

And this year, what's new is that it must be endorsed not only by the RALO leadership, so in this case, by APRALO leadership, but also by the APRALO, GSE Regional Vice President, so that's Jia-Rong Low, prior to the submitted to the SBSC. And again, pardon me, as the RALO partnership program is being rolled out into regions, the RALO leaders have been in contact with the GSE Regional Vice President.

So you can definitely start talking about the possible ABRs that you would like to develop. And I believe that Amrita has touched on that on the past call. Apologies if I got that wrong, but I know that Amrita and the APRALO leaders have been in touch with the GSE team, and that we

will be working closely on this, but also on all outreach and engagement in the region.

So you can also see that the second part on this document is the information about ICANN finance. So please do take time to read the principles. It's very difficult in this short space of time to provide you with all the details. But again, being novice to this as well just from a staff perspective, it is very clearly indicated exactly how to proceed with the application.

And then it also has a form under the, just bear with me, because there is a word form that has been created for everyone to allow you to submit the request. And I'll share that form with you. Pardon me, I'll check momentarily. So that form will allow you to provide all the information before actually using the Google survey. So this will form such an important to please submit the word form.

And it's also on this page, in the link, it also talks about the issues about travel related requests. So that's important to which extent you can ask for an ABR, which is actually travel the later [00:35:34 - inaudible]. And to point out, the last point on this is that there will be a community wide webinar on the 8th of December, and we will share the details of the webinar as soon as we have them. And then after that, there will be an email that will be sent to the regional lists. And then we will provide the 23rd of December as a deadline, which is as you just scroll down the table, we will provide the 23rd of December as the deadline to submit the ABRs.

And please see that we have again noted that it is in collaboration with the GSE regional team. And I will add to that link because I've noticed that unfortunately, and I do apologize, that the link has not been added to that part of the document. So that is the overview of the ABRs Amrita. I'm happy to answer questions if I'm able to answer that. If not, I'll make sure to note them and provide you with the necessary information. Thank you, Amrita.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY: Thank you, Gisella. I can see Cheryl's hand up. So I had the question. For example, if there is an ABR proposal, which comes from a RALO, which is approved by the RALO but is not approved by the GSE, what happens then? Is it going to be pushed aside as in, is it the final call of the GSE would reign where the ABR application can be submitted or not, is something which is crucial for RALOs, I guess.

GISELLA GRUBER: I'm really sorry, this is Gisella. If I understand correct, so are you asking if the ABR is submitted but not in coordination with the GSE team? Is that correct?

AMRITA CHOUDHURY: No, I'm saying, suppose Shreedeep sends ABR requests of doing an activity. And the APRALO will say, yes, we approve it, but GSE says this is not in line. What happens then?

GISELLA GRUBER:	I will get back to you because quite honestly, I don't know what the case would be, but I have been, and I think that Cheryl might respond to that one.
AMRITA CHOUDHURY:	Right. Yes, Cheryl, I know you have some comments.
CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:	I can answer that Gisella for starters. It's Cheryl Langdon-Orr for the record. Just to remind everybody that having the regional approval, the RALO approval endorsement and the GSE endorsement is only the next step. The arbitration of what goes through to be considered sits with the finance and budget subcommittee, and the finance and budget subcommittee would need to discuss seriously with a situation where the RALO approves and endorses and the GSE does not. It would probably go back with clarifying questions if time permits to see where this could be improved. And if time doesn't permit, then it would probably not make the cut.
	Now if it or any other makes a cut, it still, of course, needs to get approval amongst the competitive set of approvals. They know, in other words, all of the ABRs from all parts of ICANN that compete with each other and are decided upon by org. Getting the RALO approval does not get you the Guernsey, getting the RALO approval and GSE support does not get you the Guernsey. You've still got to get through the gatekeeping of finance and budget subcommittee and then you go into the competitive ABR process?

AMRITA CHOUDHURY: Right. Thank you, Cheryl. I think Maureen also has her hand up.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: And you can come back to me.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY: Or you had something else to say.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Oh yeah, I put my hand up but not for your question at all. Just go to Maureen and back to me after.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY: Okay.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Yeah. I guess it's, yeah, probably one of the things that we really had to ensure that RALOs got doing that is that like, I mean, as I pointed out before, there are some things that are actually, like, supposed to be covered by ICANN. Whether they do or not, we actually still benefit from the distribution or whatever from that is beside the point. Because as I said, it's covered by ICANN and they won't even look at it. So it's really, really important that when like I mean, if people have some ideas of what it is that they want to do is to bring it to the finance

and budget committee anyway because Heidi is really, really experienced now, and she knows.

I mean, I was on that committee for four years as a chair. And so I'm pretty well jammed up on what they will accept and what they won't. But Heidi is the one who gets to those old meetings, and she connects you, like if there are any development anything or things of a starting to come through, she can tell us. But if you've got any ideas, put them forward. Because there could be some way in which we as a RALO can help to amend your application so that it makes it more acceptable to all going. As Cheryl said, once it goes to .org, that's it. Like, I mean I'm .org. When it goes to org, ICANN org. I'm getting myself confused now. And once it goes so far-- So we really need to talk about it.

And I think that of the things that might be wrong with a lot of the ABRs that have gone through is that people haven't really considered what the ABRs are for and how we can manage them a little bit better than we do. So make your applications, bring them to the group. We'll tell you, we'll talk about it. And if we really if we all cut nuts together, the application based on what it is that you want, then you know it really doesn't have much of a job. Okay? So I'm just giving you that little information, which Cheryl, I'm sure, can finish off for me. Thanks, Cheryl.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY: Right, thank Maureen. It's very important that people understand the ABR. I also don't understand the process, and that's the reason why I'm asking. Perhaps it is important even or it makes more simple for people

to understand what is it, what is required, how you can apply or what is the process because too many pages may put people off, but people may have great ideas which can be improvised. And that's the reason why I asked for it. Cheryl, over to you and then we will go to your questions.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thank you, Amrita. And two things. Maureen was saying and what you just said, I think it's extremely important to remember that you as potential ABR, if you've got your good idea as Maureen with outlining, if you put it forward and discuss it with the region, the regional is more in particular is useful here. Early, right? I mean, before Maureen ended that leadership job of that group, I led it. I was the first chair of the SBC. And pre-idea, we have a lot of knowledge that we can help maximize and optimize your application. That doesn't give it a guarantee, but at least it gives it a good shot.

So the sooner you get onto these things, the sooner it gets through some regional interaction, Maureen might go, oh, I need another eye on this and she'll call on someone else, the better. We also have the blessing now of some very experienced staff, one of our new staff in the name of Chantel, her job was the ABRs before. She kind of knows how they read well. So we have some serious advantages that you could take to take advantage of.

But to Gisella's point about the Google Forms link, the reason the Google Forms link is not on the page is because we don't want you to use the Google Forms. Keep your little fingers off the Google form. Do

not use the Google form. Don't even think about the Google form. Use the Word doc because we want the Word doc to go through the process of the vetting and the polishing and all of the stuff that we can help you with. And the only people who use the Google Doc is staff when we've got it as good to go and the SBC has approved it and they've endorsed it and they're going to send it to ICANN org. Right?

So that's why you won't find the Google doc link. If you do find the Google doc link and you put anything in, it will be lodged and you won't have any of the endorsements, nor can it get support. So it's really not your best interest to try and put it straight through to ICANN. It will be automatically rejected. That's why I put my hand up.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY: Thank you, Cheryl. We just have 12 more minutes. If everyone is okay, we can increase it by 10 minutes because I see Gunela's hand up. We have Cheryl to take us through the ROP and election modifications required, and we had an EOB. Gunela quickly, what is your question?

GUNELA ASTBRINK: Yes, sure. It's again about the ABR process. And we've been encouraged to put something out as soon as possible. And I'm wondering is that for filling out the word form, discussing an APRALO meeting, bearing in mind that the December meeting would be fairly close to the deadline. So just what is the best way to socialize the proposal bearing in mind the tight deadlines? Thanks.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY:	Okay. So Cheryl says, get on to the word form, send to the APRALO leadership team. You don't need community discussion. So this is what we could perhaps send out a call that anyone who's interested, please read through it, if you have some ideas of engagement, please send it as a word form tool.
	Certain email IDs and if certain parts are favorable, we could perhaps ask Cheryl, Maureen, Heidi to comment on it or help improvise on it. I think that would be the way. But Cheryl now we go to your section, which is, why do we need to look at and revive the discussion on rules of procedures and the APRALO elections? And what would you suggest as the next steps to take this discussion forward?
CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:	Okay. Well, hopefully, you can see my screen which is showing a wiki page, which has been in existence since I believe August or September, in September last year. Because that's when the APRALO first started to look at this very important method of its own rules of procedure review. Working group was put together.
	And then a little later in certainly September or October and November of last year, once the ALS mobilization and the individual unaffiliated member, yes, individual unaffiliated member reports were out and accepted. That group looked specifically at what aspects of the rules of procedure that we are reviewing anyway needed to be adjusted, modified, discussed, new texts, and all those sorts of things to meet those particular needs.

So as every RALO is now focusing on that particular piece of work, you find yourself and later in a good position you and your leadership team because a lot of the groundwork's been done. So we have a couple of Wiki pages. What it means, however, is that the objectives of the year, the scoping has been done, the general questions have been done.

I'm not going to worry too much about the membership of the group because what I'd like to propose to you is, and I want to show you an additional piece of -- this is very annoying. I've got to get rid of the-- my Zoom has overlaid on top of what I need to kick on. There we go. Sorry about that. What we have got is, as I say, a reasonable amount of information is several pages. There's a lot of background material all in existence. So we're not starting from the beginning.

We also had a, we would call it a gas analysis, I suppose. I'm going to have to do something about that size. My apologies for that. The opening of documents, changing sizes, never a good look. The screen you'll see here, this is a document where we grabbed. We had a scratch pad that was open for the group to use. We use those drop backgrounds. We worked on the current section, the section of the current rules of procedure, and we harmonize them.

And looking at the ALAC rules of procedure and both the ALS in the UIM, that's the At-Large structure, and an unaffiliated individual member mobilization recommendations. And we listed color codes. I like color codes and all is in bolds. I think that we have to do, the must do and the blues, those could do. And we have just presented, I believe it's not ready to present for the last meeting, which was in fact unfortunately canceled in January of this year.

So you get to now see this document even if the rest of the group didn't. What you've got is a fully blind scope of work as you can see it. Those of them there, you've got a section by section analysis where every part of our existing rules and procedure has been looked at and we have identified where work needs to be done. I'm just going to scroll through this quickly. We will make this document.

I'm going to tell you what I have to go through to find this document. But we're not just documents available for everybody to be able to comment on. Not edit. Just comment on. But as you can see, section by section, the work is already outlined. We simply need to get a small thing together to actually do a little bit of drafting work. So if it's in green or blue, it needs to be done.

And more than that, we have some additional points to consider. Again, although achievable, we've set up a drafting space. And today, I've been finally got to this document, which was a little bit well, I'll tell people learning about what it was a bit like. I've started filling out some of the checks, some of the simple bits. This is how you can expect to see the document developed.

If people have a suggestion, and we'll have just a small thing being able to make suggestions, everyone else can view it, where obviously we needed to challenge an affiliated individual, which is what it state in our current rules and procedure. It now needs to be unaffiliated individual member, oh, not member, necessarily. We've changed that. You are in and that needs to go in a place. You can see what we're doing. We're going to be filling this out with the text, so when anyone looks, they will know what was proposed to be changed.

And if you look at, for example, this section here, what the proposed text changes will be, we can then discuss it with you all and either accept it or reject it. So that's the proposed plan going forward.

And Amrita, I would like to suggest the best way forward to do this by the end of the calendar year, which means we've met our objective because this is to be a 2022 review would be if we can stand up a sole team, which includes some members from the working group that I think should be open to at least a couple of members who may not have been part of the working group. But this is going to have to be very dedicated, very agile. It's not going to be lots of meetings. It's going to be working on this document asynchronously and expecting a commitment to do a lot of work on this document in a very short period of time.

To that end, Maureen, who was part of the team, now she's free of the ALAC, who is part of the team who did the current rules of procedure. I strongly encouraged that you suggest to twist your arm or do whatever it takes to get going on that small thing. I'm happy to continue with it. I think Justine is an essential added because she brings in the particular unaffiliated individual member aspects from her long-standing experience as well, but also as one of the representatives from the past. We know we can get good work out of her, which is a very reason I'm suggesting it. And probably some fresh names, maybe Camille, maybe somebody else, but no more than two or three more fresh names. It's a proposal with the review. And there it's your time back. Thank you.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY: Thank you, Cheryl. I agree that a lot of work has been significantly working on it for a long time on this. And a small team is definitely good. If Justine can chip in, which is good. Maureen has said she will help. If there is anyone else who wants to join the small team, but obviously ready to do the work is the important active members is required and others are free to review it, read it, comment on it. But the small team would be working on it.

So if anyone is interested, could send their request. I would say to Cheryl. We can share it with staff and with Cheryl, and let Cheryl take the call. So I leave it on to you, Cheryl, as people can, but we need active people who will really work. That is something that we be very candid about it. And with this, I will pass it on to Ali. Ali, you have some important information you want to share. So over to you.

ALI ALMESHAL: Thank you very much, Amrita. And thanks for all for great and very fruitful updates about what's going on, and closing the year with all of this update, and ready for next year and very active year. So I just want to give you a heads up, starting with what we are looking for the NomCom for next year and what is the positions that are open and what we are looking for. No dates yet have been given and full schedule will be very soon released about the dates and the plans for the NomCom.

So basically, we'll be having nine open leadership positions. And it's good that everyone has started spreading out the word about the open position from the NomCom. Especially, especially we are looking for

people from outside the ICANN, fresh blood, people who can freshly join ICANN and contribute to what we are all doing to the community.

So we are having two positions for ICANN Boards, three for At-Large and we are having one for Asia Pacific, one for Latin America, and one for Africa. So you know what we are looking for, spit it out and look at for a great and nice candidates that can support all the works that we are doing. Also, we have one position for the ccNSO and two for GNSO and one for PTI. So those are the open positions that we'll be looking for this year. And as you always know that by almost mid of next year, names and elections will have been done and ready for announcement for the last meeting for the ICANN meeting.

So will start. Already we started. We started our subcommittees, we started our engagements, the arrangements with the NomCom staff and NomCom leadership team and very soon the announcement of the dates and the opening for the applications will be there. And you can, as I said, spit it that out to your community and or at to ICANN look into a good candidate that you see it well. And if you need anything from, as any details from NomCom or any information, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. Thank you and back to you, Amrita.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY: Thank you so much, Ali. And you shared very important information that these are the positions which are open. Please spread the word through your community. And if you need any help to speak to those, if there are candidates who have some questions, queries, you can always direct them to our friendly Ali. Especially we need someone from

APRALO because there is an ALAC representative. So please do spread the word. And we should have someone well represented. So this is it. But then in under EOB, I think, Gunela had some questions or comments or feedback she wanted. So, Gunela, over to you.

GUNELA ASTBRINK: Thank you, Amrita, and I'll be brief because we're getting close, well, we are past the hour. Yes, we have a December meeting coming up the last one of the year, obviously. And we are keen to get ideas from the group about particular agenda items. And it could be looking at particular issues, planning for next year. We heard about DNS Abuse work. So I'm keen just to open the floor for maybe a couple of minutes for ideas and we can note them. And if possible, put them on the agenda. So over to the group.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY: Thanks, Gunela. What we could also do is perhaps set a deadline by which people can reach out to you and address with suggestions on what they would like to hear in the next call. But if anyone wants to take the floor and share. Yes, Lianna.

LIANNA GALSTYAN: Thank you, Amrita. This is Lianna speaking. Since the Gunela mentioned the DNS Abuse issue, I also wanted to bring to your attention the UA Day that would happen in February. So the date is already set and since the UA is really an important, universal acceptance is an important topic subjects especially for our region, but just in

general globally as well, that would be really good if we can have some discussions and prior in advanced preparation for that day. Because February is not that far away and would be good to have a very good voice from APAC region. Thank you.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY: Thanks, Liana. What I hear is that the UA Day has been shifted by sometimes. It's not February. But yes, having a discussion is good because last I heard, the date has been shifted a bit. But yes, that could be, a discussion on the UA Day could be a good thing. Whenever it is held. Anything else? Okay. I guess we do not have anything else, but thank you so much, everyone, who has participated in the call and staying five minutes over time. And we request you to keep engaging especially, I could see a few names in the chat who are participating today, Luxmi and others, Kawsar, etc., please do participate, engage.

And that is something which we are looking at and good to see you here. Hanan, we hope you could be more active now. So thank you everyone and have a good rest of the day and week. And if you are in IGF end of the month, we would really like to catch up with you. I think Aris would also be there. Whoever is there, we could possibly have a small APRALO catch up. Thank you so much, everyone.

YEŞIM SAĞLAM: Amrita, before we end, I believe Lianna's hand is up. Not sure if it's a new one or not.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY: Yes, Liana. You want to speak?

LIANNA GALSTYAN: No. No. I'm sorry. I didn't notice. I didn't lower that. I'm sorry.

YEŞIM SAĞLAM: This meeting is now adjourned. Have a great rest of your day.

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