

YEŞİM SAĞLAM:

Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening to everyone. Welcome to APRALO monthly teleconference taking place on Thursday, 20th of April 2023 at 06:00 UTC. On our call today, we had Amrita Choudhury, Gunela Astbrink, Aris Ignacio, Satish Babu, Maureen Hilyard is joining us right now, Naveed Bin Rais, Razoana Moslam, Ananya Singh, Namra Naseer, Abhishek Gautam, Justine chew, Priyatosh Jana, Pawel Farhan, Cheryl Langdon-orr, Udeep Baral as well as K Mohan Raidu, joining us right now, and Ayesha.

We currently don't have any apologies received for today's call. And from staff's side, we have is Gisella Gruber, Siranush Vardanyan, Athena Foo and myself Yeşim Sağlam and I'll be doing call management for today's call. And before we get started, just a kind reminder to please state your name for the transcription purposes, 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. I'm Amrita for the record. Welcome everyone to the April APRALO monthly call. We are excited with today's call because we are going to have an overview of ICANN76 which was not in our region and we have a new young brigade who is going to present their update on how they saw the ICANN76, the various discussions out there. And this would be led by Aris. He would be moderating this part. We will briefly speak about the upcoming APRALO GA, the general assembly what we are planning. We have the election process which is starting. So, there would be an update on this from the staff. And then we have

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any other business, if anyone wants to discuss anything. So, without much ado, I will now hand it over to Aris. Aris over to you.

ARIS IGNACIO:

I'm so much happy and it's a pleasure. Please everyone, this is Aris for the record. I'm deeply honored to moderate the presentation of our young brigade who would be presenting overview of some of the things that have happened during ICANN76, which happened in Cancun, Mexico. So, to start things off, I would like to call on Razoana Moslam to present an overview of ICANN76. So, if you're ready, Razoana. The floor is yours.

RAZOANA MOSLAM:

Thank you so much, Aris. I hope everyone can hear me. For the record, my name is Razoana Moslam. I have participated ICANN76 as a fellow this time. Previously, I have attended to ICANN meeting, but as an action ambassador and an action member. But this is something this is the first time I have attended as a fellow. And I felt like because this is my third meeting, and third attendance, like third time I'm attending the meeting in person. I have already attended the previous meeting. Sorry. Can you hear me? So, what happened is, like, this is the first time I have attended as fellow. And I felt like this meeting had much more after COVID. Like I have attended ICANN75 as well. But after COVID, I felt like this is a meeting where I felt more involvement around the world, both in person are of virtual participation.

So, this meeting was basically attended by 2019 participants from 164 countries, whereas, like, 1204 persons were in person and 815 people

attended remotely. And if you just divide the statistics like from which region the participation were more, so from North America, it was, like, around 33% attending, 403 person. And then Latin America and Caribbean areas had 360 people participated. Then we have Europe 259. From Africa, the participation is a little bit lower this time, which is just 71 persons attended. And then in Asia, Australian, Pacific island, there was 165 people attended.

So as an overview, I felt like the ICANN community Board and organization advanced in discussion in several matters, including the policy making around the most pressing issues that ICANN is facing, including the domain name, system abuse, the future of technical internet governance, and then there were discussion about the next round of new generic top-level domain applications. So, in one of the most significant outcomes of ICANN76, the Board adopted 98 recommendations from the new gTLD subsequent procedures, policy development process, final report and directed the organizations to deliver a comprehensive implementation plan by the 1st of August of 2023.

So, this step is kind of a big milestone for ICANN, I believe. And since the meeting, ICANN contracted parties have voted to approve proposed contract amendments that will improve the old system by updating an underlying technology with more secure and capable registration data access protocol?

So next, the Board will be considering the amendments and they will take the necessary steps. So as an overview of ICANN76, I believe that after COVID, this is one of the most significant meetings that have been

held. And also, we have seen there was a female CEO, interim CEO who's like a CEO and who has taken power at this stage until the new CEO is appointed. So, there is a change of decision at this stage, but I also see it as a very progressive step. Because I feel like this is where we might have a new women CEO next time, hopefully. So that's like an overview of ICANN76. Thank you so much, Aris.

ARIS IGNACIO: Thank you so much, Razoana, and that's a very insightful overview of ICANN76. Thank you very much, and that really summarizes it. Okay. So, moving forward, I would like to call on Ananya Singh to present the last plenary that happened during ICANN76. So, if you already Ananya, again the floor is yours.

ANANYA SINGH: Thank you, Iris, and Amrita for inviting me. Hi, everyone. I am Ananya. I am the youth advisor to USAAID District Youth Council. I have previously attended ICANN64 as an action, and ICANN68 and 69 as an action ambassador. This was actually my first time as an ICANN fellow. As a first time fellow and a both time attendee, I had a rather unique experience. First of all, I was so glad to reacquaint myself with the whole ICANN experience.

Our first day at ICANN76 was kick started with the meet and greet session between ICANN fellows and action participants. While this brought back many memories, it also underlines how youth participation is greatly valued at ICANN meeting. This was followed by an exclusive session for ICANN fellow for consensus playbook trading,

where Melissa Allgood, the conflict resolution specialist at ICANN, trained us on how conflict can be resolved and consensus can be reached while working with groups consisting of members from diverse backgrounds. She then divided us into multiple groups and asked us to solve three case studies, which we later presented to the entire room. Later that day, Melissa also led another session on the art of small talk where we interacted on how we could break the ice, work better, and build and strengthen our communication skills. Our first day as fellows prepared us comprehensively for all the events that were about to unfold in the days to come.

On the second day, all the fellows attended a session where we were introduced to ICANN OCTO and [00:09:36 -inaudible] where ICANN chief technology officer John Crain and his colleagues actually talked about ROs, IANA and other related research and technical engagements. This was followed by an interaction with their fellows who also asked a number of questions to the team on the technical functioning of ICANN.

Our next session was on how it works ICANN policy, where members of the ICANN policy development team, Ozan Sahin and Chantelle Doerksen, introduced us to the processes of policy development in the ICANN supporting organizations, the mechanism of advice development in the advisory committees, the current policy development processes and a general overview of the policy development support function at ICANN. We attended a session called getting to know the ICANN community where representatives from NCHG and NPAK and NCUC outline what who essentially do and how one can join one of these groups.

After attending the grand welcome ceremony on the third day, we attended a Q&A session with the ICANN org executive team. This was a truly interactive session where there was an active exchange of dialogue with the executive team about projects and initiatives at ICANN. Then I headed off to section presentations all of which make you think how to be an insightful the younger generation is and hence why it is very, very important to give them an active role in the forum.

Next up was a session that discussed the status of and considered possible next steps for the GAC in relation to deliberations and implementation efforts aiming to establish a new swift registration data policy framework, [00:11:21 -inaudible] account relevant data protection law. Next, we attended the GNSO led cross community working party meeting on ICANN and Human Rights, where the draft of a possible ICANN learn course on human rights was significantly discussed.

On the fourth day, all the ICANN fellows and NextGen attended sessions on Universal Acceptance, one being the general introduction to the topic, and the other being the deeper dive into how new way could be focused through local engagement. During the sessions, it was highlighted how most of the world does not speak English as a first language and write the English alphabet on the internet. And the overarching vision of Universal Acceptance to enable the next billion internet users to exist online without having to switch languages was discussed significantly. One of the key highlights of the first day was the session on looking forwards WSIS+20, which discuss ways to encourage multistakeholder participation in Internet covenants and what role ICANN and other regional internet registries could play in that context.

Next, the ICANN Board members and the interim president and CEO had an interactive session with the ICANN fellow the NextGen, where they welcome us and answered our questions on leadership within ICANN and next step proceed fellowship program. Next session is a personal favorite of mine DNS women. The session highlighted how women's participation and ICANN meetings has been increasing since 1999. So more women have taken up leadership roles in the DNS ecosystem and how women contribution to the digital economy could be more appropriately accounted for.

On the final day, our fellowship program was wrapped up and then we attended the ICANN public forum where many of these fellow and NextGen participants queued up to ask questions. Universal acceptance, internationalized domain names, and the next round of new generic top-level domains, the challenges ICANN is facing, such as domain names view, and the future of technical and general governance were discussed. Updates on the latest geopolitical legislative regulatory developments were also provided in a plenary session later that day. That's all. Very sorry, this was too long.

ARIS IGNACIO:

Thank you so much, Ananya. This is Aris for the record. Wow, that is really extensive. Even though I haven't attended some of the sessions during ICANN76 because time difference, I think I got a gist of it even though that's quite extensive. I am very thankful to hear all of those things, and that was really great. So, thank you again, Ananya. So, moving forward, I would like to call on Namra Naseer, for some of the

[00:14:09 -inaudible] discussions during ICANN76. So, Ananya the floor is yours.

NAMRA NASEER:

Thank you. Hello, everyone. I'm Namra. I'm a returning ICANN fellow, and I will share a brief overview of the key policy outcome from ccNSO, GNSO, ALAC, at GAC. I'll try to be as brief as possible, but this may take a little while. So, coming to ccNSO during the ICANN76, they held various sessions, including tech day, ccNSO member meetings, and Council sessions.

Some of the major outcomes were that they reelected its leadership team for the upcoming year, including a chair and two vice chairs. They also voted on the recommendation to adopt the proposed policy on the mechanism for the review of the specific decisions on the delegation, transfer, revocation, retirement of country code top level domain. As a next step, the ccNSO account group recommendation will be submitted to the members for a vote, and they also agreed on next steps regarding the proposed road map for the ccNSO and the Universal Acceptance.

Coming to the GNSO, so the total had 43 sessions under of which there were some working groups and other sessions that took place too that I will be covering briefly. One was expedited PDP on internationalized domain names, which had two sessions, and they focused on completing its discussion of potential adjustment to the application fee and the registry level fees by taking into the account, the introduction of variant gTLDs.

The next one was transfer policy review PDP, and they discussed the goals and related approaches to outreach, education, business case development, application evaluation assistance, and identifying metrics as indicators of success. The next one was GNSO guidance process on applicant support working group, which discussed goals and approaches to-- sorry, I've already covered this.

The next one was GNSO Council small team on the EPDP on temporary specification for gTLD registration data Phase 2. They met with the ICANN organization, and they discussed next steps and future engagements on the implementation process. They also agreed on a new name for the system, which is now called registration data request service, RDRS. Another closed generics facilitated dialogue also took place and that basically drafted a, the ICANN are currently drafting a framework for closed gTLD the new gTLD program.

And then there was also a GNSO Council informal session that discussed next steps related to new gTLD SubPro. An important meeting of the GNSO Council happened on 15th March, and they considered some of these things. They consider the next steps for expire domain deletion policy and expire registration recovery policy. They reviewed their own projects that may impact SubPro timeline. And they discussed the continuation of discussion on next steps for the Council consideration of SubPro recommendations.

They also discuss the next steps for RDRS. They discussed the timelines for GNSO chair election. And then there was policy status report on policy and implementation working group final recommendations report, along with the also best resolution to adopt the working group

self-assessment recommendations report of the GNSO Council committee for overseeing and implementing continuous improvement. In their rapid session, they covered mainly three things. One was SubPro small team assignment. The second one was SubPro IRP composition. And the third was GNSO Council review of the GAC communique.

Coming to ALAC, the in total had 12 sessions that were divided into three streams. One was policy, one was outreach and engagement, and the third was operations. And they had, in total, two policy sessions to outreach and engagement sessions, and three join sessions, which took place with ICANN Board, supporting organizations, and other advisory committees. They also had two RALO sessions and a welcome session and a wrap up session.

Lastly, there was GAC. And GAC conducted more than 24 hours of open sessions and publication of the GAC ICANN76 communique that was published on 20th March. And this includes GAC consensus advice on mainly three topics. One is IGO protections. One is the WHOIS disclosure system. And the third is privacy and proxy services. The communique also includes statements regarding five different issues which are important to governments. One is subsequent round off new gTLD, DNS abuse, gTLD registration data, transparency of GNSO participation, and ICANN EAP. Lastly, they also included a special election to fill a vice chair vacancy. That is all from me. Thank you.

ARIS IGNACIO: Thank you so much, Namra. And that's really good one with regards to the policy discussions. And I think you've already covered everything. And is this in preparation of you becoming a volunteer for the Implementation Review Team? That was a really great assessment and also an overview of all of those discussions that happened during meeting of ICANN76. So, moving forward, I would like to call on Bibek Silwal for some of the At-Large discussions during ICANN76. So, Bibek the floor is yours.

BIBEK SILWAL: Thank you, Aris. I'm I audible?

ARIS IGNACIO: Yes, you are, Bibek.

BIBEK SILWAL: Thank you very much. Hello to everyone. This is Bibek Silwal from Kathmandu in Nepal, and my involvement with ICANN started as a NextGen in ICANN75 in Universal Acceptance Day event being the Nepal active coordinator. And I'm going to brief about the At-Large discussion that happened in ICANN76. Although the timeline was pretty much opposite to Nepal, but I had pretty much interest in attending the sessions and to know more about the ICANN and its working areas.

So, to start with, there were altogether several sessions held by ALAC, RALOs and At-Large members. Out of which two were policy session which Namra gave us brief about, two Outreach and Engagement session, three joint session with ICANN Board, and actually it was just

with GAC and SSAC. And two RALO session, one At-Large welcome session, one At-Large wraps up session, and one LACRALO general assembly.

On 13th of March, the At-Large RALO policy session the leaders met to discuss of cross-RALO collaboration and capacity building for outreach and engagement without adding additional work into the existing work. And the second session work At-Large [00:21:27 -inaudible] welcome where Jonathan drafted his first ALAC meeting where At-Large director, Leon Sanchez who is here today provided the update on ICANN decision on new gTLD subsequent procedures and search for new ICANN CEO. The At-Large members also discussed talking points and volunteer for ICANN sessions. And the session action plan were At-Large voice of end users and promote ICANN legitimacy by highlighting its proposed deliverable stands for its accountability and bad decision-making increasing participation from all the regions.

Again, on [00:22:00 -inaudible], there are other two sessions about SubPro which Namra briefed us earlier. I'm going to skip it then. There was At-Large loop where Jonathan, the ALAC chair aims to increase At-Large community influence in ICANN by identifying end users' interest and proposing At-Large loophole structures, communication to improve collaboration and credibility as trustworthy advisors.

On 12th March there were joint session between ALAC and SSAC. The discussion [00:22:30 -inaudible] improvement in the contract. This is related to the RAA agreement and the RA agreement. The SubPro ODA, mitigating DNS abuse by exploring all the aspects including the development of baselines and aligning existing recommendations from

various group. While the SSAC provided updates on NCAP DNS resolution, DNS tech, DNS system automation, Registrar name management and new member outreach plans.

On 13th March, there was also joint session between ICANN Board and ALAC where the discussion was ALAC [00:23:04 -inaudible] on the subsequent procedures and ways for the Board to appreciate ALAC volunteer work, including strategically using travel slot for experience and active participation and ICANN [00:13:14 -inaudible] system works ICANN org to work with At-Large to identify tool for engaging new people and reengaging existing volunteer to participate.

And the only thing between GAC and ALAC provided updates and discussed various topics related to ICANN transparency, the WSIS forum, DNS abuse, and learned the new gTLD programs where emphasizes made on improving accessibility of ICANN documents, community participation and broader discuss and related to Internet governance. The action item was GAC and ALAC will continue discussing on joint 2017 advice on DNS abuse before ICANN77.

On 15th March there was joint session between AFRALO-ICANN session for promoting best practices for the DNS operations in Africa. The session included a presentation on variant topic as DNS ecosystem in Africa, the importance of DNS security, and role of RIRs in DNS operations. And the action items from the session was also staff support for Africa's travel. Travel for ICANN, which I think we need for the Asian region as well.

And on 16th March, the ALAC hosted community session about the unfinished business and role of ODP, where the panelist discussed criteria for determining policy statement with recognition for the need for more points of entry for the community and outside expertise. ICANN organizes an ICANN Board in working group discussion to address issues raised by the ICANN community.

Again, on 16th March, there was At-Large [00:24:46 -inaudible] wrap up. During the meeting it was mentioned that the application support slide deck will be discussed in detail during the upcoming consolidated policy working group call. The At-Large members were requested to provide their feedback on draft transfer policy review statement which is presented on the CBW, hopefully, it was 17th March 29. That was my overall brief about the At-Large discussion. Thank you very much.

ARIS IGNACIO:

Thank you very much, Bibek. And that was quiet an extensive report with regards to the At-Large discussions during ICANN76. So, at this point on, I would like to call on again the following brigade that we had. And we're going to get one minute from each of them for us to know what are their expressions and maybe some of the insights that they have gained during ICANN76. So, I would like to call on again Razoana, a minute of her impression of ICANN76. Razoana, the floor is yours.

RAZOANA MOSLAM:

Thank you so much, Aris. I hope everyone can listen to me. Can you hear me?

ARIS IGNACIO: Yes. We can hear you.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY: Perhaps just a bit slower.

RAZOANA MOSLAM: Sorry, it's just my computer, it turns out the mic automatically and sorry for that. For the record, it's me Razoana again. So as an overview, I feel like ICANN76 have been a very fruitful event for all of the communities because they have felt a little bit of pressure. And I think so much update have been proposed. And I feel like this is where we can take the next level. And there were next level discussions. And also, I think there were some talk about the artificial intelligence matters as well, and the copyright issues came up as well.

So, when I attended the GAC meetings, I felt they were much more interested in discussing and listening to the community's opinion. And then they were going to propose new agendas and new steps forward. So, I felt this is a very eventful, let's say not eventful. It's just a very insightful event for this year, and I'm hoping that for the next ICANN77 that will bring much more help for the community for their quality discussions. So, thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to speak up. Thank you, Aris, and thank you, Amrita.

ARIS IGNACIO: Thank you so much, Razoana. So, we move over to Ananya. Please. Thank you.

ANANYA SINGH: Thank you, Aris. For the record, I am Ananya, and I promise I'm not going to be long this time. All right. So, I do consider it an active privilege to have been given the opportunity to attend ICANN76 as a fellow. I remember as an action at ICANN64 we had presented our ideas to the fellows, and they had given us great feedback and showed great interest in guiding us. I cannot believe that I have now transitioned to that for even my ICANN journey. So, it was a bit nostalgic. I learned a lot, not only during the sessions, but also from my peers. We have just submitted the ICANN fellowship report outlining our rewarding experience. Please check it out when it's up on the ICANN website at the end of this month. Thank you very much. It was very nice to see you all online, and I'm hoping to bump into one or more of you at one of the AG or ICANN meeting. Thank you.

ARIS IGNACIO: Yeah, hello. Thank you so much, Ananya, for that one. So, now moving forward, Namra, please

NAMRA NASEER: Yeah. So, it was a very interesting experience for me, especially as a returning fellow. I believe I was more aware and involved. I personally enjoyed question and answer session the most. And there was this one interaction with the Board members. And I also got to participate in

RZERC committee review, which was a meeting Siranush recommended me for, I did not know about it. And I kind of got involved into the process and saw it firsthand how things were happening at the policy level. And as a policy analyst, that was very exciting for me to observe.

Lastly, I also got to meet the NCSG team again. I've joined them. And I also got to connect with the NARALO team, had talk with the ICANN org. I think that was interesting and it kind of also brings attention that you can reach out to different communities outside your own community also sometimes, and then you can ask, it's also a good learning opportunity. People are really welcoming, one thing I love about ICANN, and which makes me continue my journey within it. So overall, I really enjoyed it. And I think it was great.

ARIS IGNACIO: Thank you so much, Namra. So, the final feedback coming from Bibek. Hello, Bibek. Are you there?

BIBEK SILWAL: Yes, yes.

ARIS IGNACIO: Yes, please, please.

BIBEK SILWAL: Thank you very much. Although I was not a fellow but after attending the ICANN75, there were obviously many of the interested zones where

I can participate and I can actually make the difference. So has motivated me all this way with organizing the UA Day event and even starting the process for registering the IDN [inaudible - 00:30:39] for Nepal. It has been a great journey and I want to thank everyone here who has made this successful.

ARIS IGNACIO:

Okay. Thank you so much, Bibek. And really, it's really a privilege for me to hear our youth brigade and our fellows who are here today again. Yeah, Siranush is raising her hand. So, Siranush, I give you the floor. We have a couple of few more minutes.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Thank you, Aris. This is Siranush for the record. You may understand that I cannot say something about what's going on today at the APRALO call. I'm really happy to see the presenters and the new blood coming and the new friends making in APRALO in particular. My huge congratulations to Ananya, Namra, Razoana and Bibek. Bibek, even though you were not a fellow, but I assume you'll be becoming a potential fellow with such engagement in future. So, my congratulations. And as you know, we all are paying a lot of attention for female participation. And I'm thrilled seeing active female from Asia-Pacific region coming on Board and looking forward for further engagement.

Just having this opportunity, I would like to remind that currently fellowship program requested the target needs for the program. And the form has been sent to Amrita already. And I encourage everyone to

be engaged on the discussions what is the need for At-Large and in particular for APRALO on diversity categories like language, gender, disability, what skills are needed, what stakeholder group and constituency and other diversity categories which are important for At-Large. So please come up with your suggestions. And I assume that Amrita will gather all the information and provide it to At-Large so we will get the general At-Large document for the targets for the fellowship program, which is for the upcoming two years. So, I encourage everybody's participation.

And the documents should be submitted to me as it is noted in the digest by May 15th this year. So, please, please, please participate in these discussions and provide your input. This is very important for the selection committee as well to understand what are the needs for particular communities and while doing and evaluating the applications coming, this is very important for them as a guide.

Just to update you for ICANN77. I'm happy to see several fellows from Asia-Pacific who are selected for ICANN77. And I'm looking forward to quickly solving their visa issues and see them in person in Washington, DC. But also, for ICANN78, we have big number of applications from Asia-Pacific. Total, we received more than 350 applications, so we are going back almost before pandemic numbers of applications.

Fellowship continues to be a very competitive program, so 329 eligible applications are now put for the selection committee review. So, this is huge work for the selection committee. Those people who are nominated and assigned by the ICANN community, but I'm sure that you now see the result of the selection committee by meeting this new

young blood from ICANN76 fellowship team. That's all from my side. And again, congratulations to APRALO for such initiative. It is always a pleasure to be a part of this call. Thank you.

ARIS IGNACIO: Thank you so much too. We still have a minute for this particular section so, Justine, I'll just give you that minute.

JUSTINE CHEW: Thank you, Aris. This is Justine for the record. I really can't top what Siranush has said, so I'm not going to even try. I was just going to say that it's such a pleasure to have new speakers and young speakers to vote. It's such a pleasure to be able to listen to your input and to your experiences, rather than have the same old, same old, same old updates that we have every month. And I'm very thrilled that this happened. I also want to congratulate the four of you. I think you've done very impressively in terms of the inputs and sharing your experiences.

I want to say that now having immerse yourself in ICANN, if you were to identify any specific areas that you were particularly interested in pursuing further, please don't be afraid to reach out to Aris, Amrita I suppose as a first stop, and I'm sure they'd be able to point you in the right direction as to what you could do and who you could speak to, more importantly, to build on that interest. And the second thing is, I believe Rozoana is already an individual member of APRALO if I'm not mistaken. I would like to know if the other three are planning to apply for memberships, if they're already not part of an ALS within our RALO? Thank you.

ARIS IGNACIO: Thank you so much, Justine. That ends our part of this specific meeting of our APRALO monthly call. Again, back to you, Amrita. Thank you so much.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY: Thank you, Aris. As in everyone has said it, that was a superb presentation recap for everyone. And we did it for ICANN75 and we plan to do it for the upcoming ICANN meetings too. And I wanted to follow up on what Justine said. Yes, we want young active people to contribute to APRALO and we would love to have you as members, individual members or if it's ALS, so that you can contribute. And it is just not a one meeting come and go, it becomes a regular thing because you understand things, you are active, you are keen and that would be very good for us, for you, for the continued development of APRALO, ICANN, At-Large as well as for your own individual.

So, with that, we will now be moving on to something which is called as the General Assembly. Gisella, would you like to give an update of what GA is briefly and then we can speak about the dates and what we are expecting to do? Sorry, I put you on a spot. Gisella, are you available?

GISELLA GRUBER: Amrita, this is Gisella. Sorry, just checking. Can you hear me?

AMRITA CHOUDHURY: Could you share a bit about what GA is because we have new people here so they may be interested to know about it?

GISELLA GRUBER: Thank you very much, Amrita. So, we're planning the APRALO General Assembly this coming September. We've got the list of the previous APRALO general assemblies and all the information for our newcomers. I just thought this would be useful as well if I provided the APRALO portal, where all information is available and any form of information on the region and that is happening, we try to keep this page as updated as possible with all the information, may it be about elections, about the meetings coming up, etc. And as Amrita said, we are now in full swing to organize the APRALO General Assembly, which will be held in September, which will get the APRALO community together. We are currently in the process of working on the travel database for this meeting, but I will let the APRALO leadership provide a little bit more information on that. I was just looking for the dates of the last APRALO general assemblies. I didn't have that quite at hand, but again, all the information is on our main page. Is there anything else you would like, Amrita?

AMRITA CHOUDHURY: That's fine, Gisella. Just to update, the last GA was yes, in Singapore, as Cheryl mentioned, and the general assemblies are normally where the ALS members, the APRALO community comes together to discuss more on a strategic basis of what could be done in policy development outreach and operational issues. It is normally a two-day event and we

will be having it on 12th and the 13th of September at Istanbul, Turkey. It would be a hybrid meeting because we may not be able to take all our ALS and individual members. However, since budgets are limited also, we would at least attempt to take the active primary contact from an ALS which is actively involved because they are the ones who really need to be going there. We are still trying to figure out what will be the parameters. There could be a survey going to each of ALS. Sure, Ananya, it was great to have you here.

So, we will be giving you more details on the general assembly. There is a small group which is working on trying to get at least the first cut of things drafted so that it can be shared with people, but a survey is going to go to all individual members as-- Okay, sorry, Maureen. It was in Abu Dhabi five years ago, and prior to that it was in Singapore. But a survey is going to go out to all individual members and primary ALS of the ALS, and it is required to be filled up and send back to the staff within a particular deadline. There are questions like how active you have been in the last one year in terms of ICANN related activities. And yes, Leon, it goes without saying you have to be there. We will obviously send the invites, but since you are part of us, you have to be there.

So, this is something about the GA, but if you have any questions, you can ask us. We are still drafting the survey questionnaire. It should go out by next week or possibly next to next week beginning. If you belong to any ALS, please fill it up. And if you know that the primary contact has change, please reach out to the ICANN staff and tell them that this is the primary contact, because if someone is not responding, then there would be an issue. So, that's about the GA. If I've missed

anything, anyone from the Small Team of GA can add up. Okay, I see no one. Oh, yeah.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

Actually, I will just briefly. It's Cheryl Langdon-Orr for the record. I know you said lot of really important words about the purpose of the general assembly, but being a bit of a stickler for the reasons we have some of these mechanisms also being known. The opportunity for this, this convocation, this coming together is a really important one. It's one that's planned many, many, many years in advance. We in At-Large and the ALAC work very, very hard to get a system where the regions could have these periodic gatherings interspaced by wider, larger, more global At-Large gatherings, which of course are the ATLAS, the ATLAS events that we've traded data on.

They serve a bunch of purposes, but let's not forget it also has an administrative purpose. It certainly does capacity building, it certainly does networking, it certainly does revitalization, but it also allows us to review and act as an annual general meeting, for the ones a better word is still a general meeting where we can agree to update or change, for example, our rules of procedure. And that is one of the very important pieces of business, capital being business that we will be conducting at this upcoming general assembly. Rules of procedure needs to be changed so that they are properly aligned with new expectations and criteria coming out of all sorts of work from the last review that was done of not just our community, but the whole of At-Large. It looks really boring, voting etc., etc., but they are really critical pieces of

administration that are also conducted. And there'll be some work on that as well, before we achieve it. Thanks.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY: Thank you, Cheryl. That's important clarification that was needed. And now I will hand it over to Gisella because she wants to update on the upcoming elections. Over to you, Gisella.

GISELLA GRUBER: Thank you very much, Amrita. So, I'll keep this brief. The elections process started on Monday the 17th of April for all of the regions except NARALO, which opened slightly earlier. And again, I'm going to be posting the page, the wiki page, where we have all the information for the AP region, if you would like to check this page. Just a couple of brief dates, the 17th to the 28th of April is the nomination period, so we have started, nominations have started coming through in APRALO as well as all the other regions. We also have what's very important is a deadline for nomination acceptances. So, if someone hasn't accepted their nomination, that will be an issue but we do tend to follow up with the candidates who have been nominated. And then we will have--

AMRITA CHOUDHURY: Gisella, we can't hear you.

GISELLA GRUBER: Apologies. I dropped. I'm back. I'm here. I hope you can hear me. We have the elections, third week of May, and then the newly elected

members will take their seat at the AGM, which will be in October in Hamburg. So again, any further information, please do go to this page. And if you need any further details, I'm always happy to provide these for you. Thank you very much, Amrita. This is a very important process in the leadership's positions that are mentioned there. So, we look forward to receiving more applications and to go through the votes. Thank you very much, Amrita.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY:

Thank you, Gisella. And anyone who has any more questions, please reach out to ICANN staff, and all the best towards the applicants. That's what I can say at this point of time, and that's my way, there's nothing more than this. So, we come to the next section, which is any other business. And I have a business here first, which is we have our bimonthly APRALO newsletter which is going to come out first week of May. So, in case your ALS or you as an individual member have done anything which is under the remit of ICANN, please kind of send it out to me and ICANN staff. We will have it added. Just a moment. And also, the other thing is, if you have done any UA related activities in April or this month, please have it sent to us by that deadline. If anyone has any other business, please raise your hand. Yes, Siranush, please.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Amrita, if I can request, this is Siranush for the record, if I can request to put in the chat how our new people can sign up for APRALO newsletter and the mailing list. That would be great. Thank you.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY: Sure. We will have it added. And, Cheryl, I see your hand. Please go ahead.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: While we're doing advertising-- It's Cheryl Langdon-Orr for the record, that's not the advertisement. The advertisement is just to make sure everyone in APRALO knows that we are delighted from Australia to say that the next the 2023 Asia-Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum, along with some other very important internet governance sub-regional forums, and a national event will be held at the end of August in Brisbane. If you're connected into those areas of interest in internet governance, that means that fellowship applications are open to all the certainly the APRALO IGF now and there will be opportunities, perhaps in some of the other meetings that are running in conjunction.

And also, that we will have calls for submissions that are out if some of you might want to put a paper or presentation together to be considered as being part of that interesting joint program that's being put on. And finally, if any of you are particularly connected to perhaps university or similar areas that have good opportunity to perhaps run a local hub, the call for local hubs for the Asia-Pacific Regional IGF is also out now and all the details can be found on the appropriate website. Thank you.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY: Thank you, Cheryl. That was indeed helpful. APriGF is obviously from our region. If even the young brigade or ALSes wants to make a submission of proposals, please go ahead. And also wearing my

[inaudible - 00:52:05] hat, the IGF call for proposal is open, please look at it. And that's also in our region this year, Japan. So please do look at it, and if you think there is anything substantial, we will have it shared. Yes, that is all from us. And when is our next call, Yeşim or Gisella? And we'll take a picture also, all of us.

YESIM SAGLAM: Sorry, if I may. I was just opening the calendar. So, we actually have a six phase, as you know our APRALO monthly calls, which is the third Thursday of the month. So, looking at May, it will be Thursday, 18th of May.

GISELLA GRUBER: And the time?

YESIM SAGLAM: At 06:00 UTC.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY: So please be here on 18th of May. And if you can switch on your camera and we can have the agenda removed, and we take a photograph of everyone here.

GISELLA GRUBER: Give me one second, please, because I need to arrange the setting of my screen. Okay, let's see.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY: I have got it as many as possible. In case it's possible, you can just put in your camera and we will try to take some screenshots. Who is good at screenshots? I think Pawel is. Pawel, this is your job.

PAWEL FARHAN: I will try my best. Just give me a second. Let me make it full screen. Okay. So ready? 1, 2, 3—Oops, sorry, there's just a comment in chat, just give me a second. Okay, ready 1, 2, 3. Great. Just let me take one more.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY: Yes, you have two screens actually. They're two.

PAWEL FARHAN: Sorry, this is taking a while. My apologies. Okay, let's take one more. Ready? 1, 2, 3. All right. All good. Thank you. Thank you very much.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY: Thank you for that.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Pawel, I see we all give permission for their shots to be used. Otherwise, we would have left their cameras off.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY: Thank you, everyone, and bye for now.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Gunela had light coming out of her head.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY: Anyways, thank you, everyone. And the meeting is over. Bye.

YESIM SAGLAM: Thank you all. This meeting is now adjourned. Have a great rest of the day.

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