

Nathalie Peregrine: Good we're ready to begin. Hello and good evening everyone, welcome to AFRALO's meeting for June 13, 2012. We have Pastor Peters, Charles Kaniah Gaye, Adetokunbo Abiola, Titi Akinsanmi and Wilson Abigaba in English. Etienne Tshishimbi, Tijani Ben Jemaa, Michael Tchonang, Dave Kissoondoyal, Fatimata Seye Sylla, Hadja Ouattara, Yaovi Atohoun and Janvier Ngoulaye in French. We have received apologies from Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Alioune Traore, Didier Kasole and Gabriel Bombambo. We have Matt Ashtiani, Heidi Ullrich and Nathalie Peregrine as members of the staff. Camila and Clair are interpreting.

[background conversation]

Pastor Peters: This is Pastor Peters; Pastor Peters is on from the English channel.

Nathalie Peregrine: Good Pastor. I am trying to listen to the French channel.

Pastor Peters: Okay. Well you didn't mention my name.

Nathalie Peregrine: Okay then, we're ready to go on. Nathalie, it was Fatimata's line that was working but I'm trying to fix the problem. Okay we can wait a little bit please. Can you hear me now? Okay I was saying that for the

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second point that is open policy issues I'm going to give the floor to Tijani and if there are some other things to add you can say this and add them. Can you hear me, yes? It's okay, yes?

Tijani Ben Jemaa:

IDN Variant – the comment for 25th May and the reply period is for the 15th of June. The next item is the (inaudible) request for removal of cross-ownership restrictions on operators of existing gTLDs, 6 June and the deadline, the comment period ends on 6th of June and the reply period the 28th of June. Then the ICANN draft Fiscal Year 13 Operating Plan and Budget 8th of June and the 15th of June is the deadline. Then the WHOIS Policy Review Team Final Report, the comment period is from the 10th of June till the 11th of July.

Then there is the draft statement of ICANNs role and remit in security, stability and resiliency of the internet's unique identifier systems, and the comment period begins on the 16th of June and the deadline is the 16th of July. Then there is the WHOIS technical requirements survey draft. The comment period is from the 20th of June till the 16th of July. Then there is the Public Comment Solicitation for Fiscal Year 13 community travel support guidelines for the year 2013 and the comment period begins on the 22nd of June and ends on the 13th of July.

Nathalie Peregrine:

Sorry Tijani but your volume is very, very low. The interpreters have problems to hear you. Thank you.

Tijani Ben Jemaa:

So the next item is Interisle Consulting Groups WHOIS Proxy Privacy Reveal & Relay Feasibility Survey. It's a survey on WHOIS and on proxy

and privacy and the comment period begins on 25, 26 of June and ends on the 16th of July. Then there is the preliminary GNSO Issue Report on the protection of international organization names in new gTLDs. This is a GNSO report on new gTLDs. The comment period begins on 25 of June and ends on 16 of July. Then draft ICANN language services policy and procedures, this is about language procedures in ICANN, it is a draft, and the comment period begins the 2nd of July and the reply period the 21st of August.

Then ICANNs Fiscal Year 13 Security, Stability and Resiliency framework for the year 2013; the comment period on the 2nd of July and ends on the 3rd of August. Then there is the inter-registrar transfer policy part C, this is part C no, of the report. The comment period on the 4th of July and the reply period on 25th of July. Then there is a request for community input on formulation of 2013 and 2016 strategic plan. The comment period on the input that are requested on formulation of strategic plan for this period, the comment period ends on 4th of July and the reply period on 30th of July.

Sorry, last point, ICANN Board Conflicts of Interest, this is the conflicts of interest in the Board. The review of the text about that issue and the comment period ends on 6th of July and the reply period on the 28th of July. Thank you. You have the floor Fatimata.

Fatimata Seye Sylla:

Thank you Tijani. Are there some questions for Tijani, it is Fatimata speaking.

Nathalie Peregrine:

Fatimata yes, we can hear you very well.

Fatimata Seye Sylla:

Okay. If everything is okay we can move to the next item, item three of the agenda – recent and upcoming activities of ALAC. Yaovi you have the floor if you want.

Yaovi Atohoun:

Okay thank you, Yaovi speaking. I'm going to present you the upcoming activities of ALAC. As activities the members there is a new working group that has been created and we want to check if we agree on the member of AFRALO members during the AFRALO meeting. We have to work with the community. And there is another working group on ALAC, this is going to work on participation; who does the participation and who [accesses] the participation of the members. We want to work on that issue because it's to to assess the participation of the ALAC member. So when the group has received – there has been a working group to improve the work of the members and the implementation of recommendations.

ALAC participated too with Tijani in the budget and there will be another meeting for ALAC in Prague and we have received the agenda of this meeting. And we will be able to participate and those who won't be there can participate online. So that's all I have to say on ALAC activities. So if Tijani has something else to add please just do it.

Tijani Ben Jemaa:

I don't really understand what you mean when you speak about the working group on, it is a very important group for At-Large and for ALAC. It's very important for At-Large to express the objections on new gTLDs because there are lots of objections. So as a community there will be this group, the review of this group and there will be a second group and the objections will be very important. So our community can participate. It is an important point.

Then there is also the fact that ALAC is working a lot on the Prague meeting. And in addition to all the work we are doing normally, we are checking how to organize meeting in Toronto for the new ICANN procedure. This work – the staff wanted to ask to do that work and it is about all kind of learning in ICANN, the Academy no. So now we are working on At-Large and what is about ICANN activities we have asked the constituencies to prepare a project on ICANN procedures. This is what we want done. Thank you.

Fatimata Seye Sylla:

Thank you Tijani. I'm sorry but there is a very loud noise – okay, thank you Tijani; thank you Yaovi. And if anyone has any questions for Yaovi and Tijani regarding ALAC activities please do ask now. Okay today's not the day for communication apparently. So the next item in the agenda is about recent activities and upcoming activities of course as well of AFRALO members. So this would be regarding the ALSes who have organized activities in our last meeting may have the floor. Who wants to speak?

Tijani Ben Jemaa: Fatimata this is Tijani speaking.

Nathalie Peregrine: Okay so they could not hear each other, Tijani and Fatimata. Fatimata do you have Adobe Connect? Some people have raised their hands, can you see them, perhaps you could give them the floor.

Fatimata Seye Sylla: Yes, you're right. So Yaovi go on, you have the floor.

Yaovi Atohoun: Thank you Fatimata, this is Yaovi speaking. So in May we organized different activities. On June 4th we had an activity organized by AfriNIC where we discussed the way to go and it was a French meeting. We are to get conference material and all those participants having a good connection are invited to attend our meeting following the new IPv6 protocol amendment. So in spite of our history we have decided to go on with this. For those who do not still have IPv6 it would be interesting to hear this because we will be discussing as well other network protocols.

We will be forwarding this link to you so that you can attend the meeting. Lots of people are expected to attend and they're involved with this project. We have also organized a conference with AfriNIC –

Nathalie Peregrine: I'm sorry but someone is speaking over him and I cannot hear properly.

Yaovi Atohoun: We also asked that in our capacities as ALSes that the operator enable us to create a network for IPv6. That is we're going to discuss the actions that we should be following and we would like to get a real feel of what is going on regarding IPv6 in Africa. So we will also have an upcoming activity in August where we will be providing information regarding the upgrade to IPv6. So as I said, that will be taking place in August and that's as much as I can say as regards to activities that we have organized.

Nathalie Peregrine: Okay so you meant IPv4 conversions to IPv6.

Fatimata Seye Sylla: Okay so Fatimata takes the floor and says I'm sorry but I can't understand what you're saying. Okay so Aziz you have the floor but I would ask the rest of you to be shorter than (inaudible 00:24:18).

Matt Ashtiani: Hi, whoever is speaking right now above the interpreters can you please mute your line because we cannot understand the call.

Interpreter: Mute my line?

Matt Ashtiani: No not you, whoever is speaking over you.

Interpreter: Oh thank you.

Matt Ashtiani: You're doing just great, thank you for everything.

Aziz Hilali: To be quick we've organized an activity on IPv6, this is Aziz speaking, where we will be presenting our request to the big internet service providers and (inaudible) such as Yahoo and Google. They have all decided to migrate their websites to IPv6 to have hundreds of internet society chapters who organize events regarding IPv6 in Morocco tomorrow. And there will be two international conferences as well. There will be lots of people because we have 200 people who have signed up already, and there will be representatives from the different countries and the different sites as well.

The first day will be reserved for conferences and then on the second day we will have experts on IPv6 who will be carrying out specific tasks to provide information on network administration. So that's it Fatimata.

Fatimata Seye Sylla: Okay good. Janvier, now you have the floor. This is Fatimata speaking, Janvier can you hear me?

Janvier Ngoulaye: Yes, this is Janvier, I can hear you. Thank you Fatimata. So I was going to talk as regards ISOC Cameroon. On June 10th we had a conference and on June 4th we had a meeting with different organizations and we

organized a new meeting to the conference for all ISOC Cameroon members. I am sending the link where I found the report that they drafted. So it was a wonderful conference that we had on June 6th. You can all check the link I just posted and we expect to organize more meetings like this one in the future. That's it Fatimata. Thank you for not having interrupted me. So Victor is to send another link with the exact [minute type] for that information and there you have all the relevant activities. Now I have finished.

Fatimata Seye Sylla:

So you just posted them on Adobe Connect, good. This is Fatimata speaking. We're going to address then these particular needs and this particular information that you just contributed. I'm sorry Tijani I cannot hear you properly, but just go on, we'll try to understand you.

Tijani Ben Jemaa:

Okay so in the same breath, we could not organize the conference we expected to do locally, and we decided to hold it on June 17th instead. I published an article in two newspapers, bulletins on June 10th regarding IPv6. And there I mentioned this conference which we will be having on June 17th. So we are in the middle of our work and that's all I'm going to say Fatimata.

Janvier Ngoulaye:

Fatimata?

Fatimata Seye Sylla:

Janvier?

Janvier Ngoulaye: I just wanted to add, yes thank you Fatimata, I just wanted to add a quick comment that you could go on Victor's link on Adobe Connect and there you will see the activities. We cannot unfortunately find the link for you to go see the African IGF activity.

Fatimata Seye Sylla: Okay thank you very much. Thank you Janvier. And at the same time I would like to congratulate all of you for your activities. We would now like to move onto the fourth item on our agenda, which regards IGF information. So in the first place we will address IGF, so internet governance forum in Baku, Azerbaijan. And I will now hand the floor over to Tijani, we hope that he will speak loud enough.

Tijani Ben Jemaa: Thank you Fatimata. As you know we have proposed to have a workshop with Baku's IGF and so they accepted part of it. In Prague we will see specifically what we can organize with ICANN to see how we can increase participation in IGF with the community. And that's all I have to say actually. Fatimata have you heard me? Fatimata or Nathalie, can anyone hear me? Okay Michael got off the line, Nathalie is still connected. Can you not hear me?

Nathalie Peregrine: Okay yes, we can hear you now.

Fatimata Seye Sylla: Can you hear me?

Tijani Ben Jemaa: Yes Fatimata we can hear you.

Fatimata Seye Sylla: Thank you very much. If there are no further questions for Tijani we should move on then to the presentation on the gTLD ALAC rejection review regarding the request for new gTLD applications. I just wanted to explain what happened with applications for new gTLDs. And so we already have the – there may be comments on the objections that we make regarding the objections which will be transmitted to ALAC will be reviewed of course so that ALAC can give an opinion. This is the first time ICANN has ever allowed to play an operational role which is something they never permitted before.

And so ALAC has preferred to follow the bottom-up procedure to allow every region to take place in this activity through their regional representation of each. And so they decided that each RALO should be represented by two people, you must have seen that there was a call for this. And this reminded us of the opening that we had been presented and this opening was published and so they followed a procedure of review of all the applications which had been submitted with statements of interest for each applicant. And each applicant had at the same time had to say whether or not they had a conflict of interest. Each RALO recommended two people based on volunteering, and at the AFRALO level we had Aziz and myself, Fatimata who had asked to take place in this group to represent AFRALO, which AFRALO kindly accepted.

And so representation of AFRALO at ALAC level proposed measures and since there were merely two candidates it was accepted. And so we have volunteers at the ALAC level. So domain names which were requested will be analyzed, and at the beginning of the comment period there will also be a formal objection period which will start from June 24 to the 29th, we will be holding our meeting in Prague.

It's not easy to translate into French because I'm used to speaking in English. We will be working on batching. I think Tijani can perhaps help me because he's part of a working group because we're working on the initial budgeting and we can share all this information via email if you want. The application period, there is a period to make comments on applications in August 2012. So that's it.

Now as regard the agenda, which we had proposed, I was saying that – wait hang on. Tijani has something to say.

Tijani Ben Jemaa:

No Fatimata go on.

Fatimata Seye Sylla:

Okay so what happened from May 30th onward was that on June 1st we asked everyone to pick a date and candidates for each region voted to vote a candidate for each region, so that was not hard. And June 6th, which was last Wednesday, so from June 6th to June 12th we had two conferences on information to discuss the purposes and the mission of the group. So it was a very interesting meeting where there were questions which did not need an answer. And so starting today the Objections review Working Group is not only working if we have over

one thousand applications we'll see whether there are objections or not. And if there is no objections the group does not have to consider applications.

So everyone can present objections but of course this has a cost. I'm going to hand over to Aziz and I'm going to hand over to Tijani, but we have 30 days for the comment period and objections then may go on for another four months. So that's a bit separate information which I had to mention. I think maybe Tijani can add something before we go on, Tijani is our expert on new gTLDs and the rules and procedures that we have to follow with new gTLDs. Thank you, you have the floor. Aziz, you have the floor.

Aziz Hilali:

Thank you Fatimata. I would just like to add, to inform my colleagues that ICANN just published today the list of all the names that were presented. And about the group, yesterday during the teleconference we had a demonstration update on procedures for receive-ability of the applications, and to see how we are going to work together. And as an information I wanted to add that the objection criteria were divided in four categories by ICANN – about domain names that can be confused with other domain names, or that can be related to a brand or to another institution. So these four categories for confusion of the chain, the second will present it later, I'm going to mention them. And the objection about the public interest and the objection of community.

Of course there are other objections that can come from individual or governments or different kinds of constitution or companies. So I invite all of you to visit the website on which Dave made a very good work and

I will send you the link just now, so if you are interested to see the work Dave made and the period in which the groups must do the work and must do the comments.

Fatimata Seye Sylla: Fatimata speaking. Okay thank you very much Aziz. Tijai do you have something to add, or Dave?

Tijani Ben Jemaa: Well Fatimata now you are an expert, you know more than me about that.

Fatimata Seye Sylla: Okay, thank you very much. So now if there are no questions, it's clear if you have some questions we can come back later, but I wanted to say Tijani, I don't know if you are implied but Dave as AFRALO responsible.

Tijani Ben Jemaa: Yes Fatimata, you said all the important parts to say.

Fatimata Seye Sylla: Okay so we can move on. Aziz do you want to add something? Okay, do you want to speak?

Aziz Hilali: No it's okay, I just spoke.

Fatimata Seye Sylla:

Okay thank you. We are going to move to the item five item for discussion, AFRALO-African meeting in Prague. We have launched the team call on the discussion list. I'd like Tijani to speak about the results we had, because we haven't received a lot of proposals and now we are going to discuss the proposal we made. Tijani you have the floor.

Tijani Ben Jemaa:

Thank you Fatimata. Tijani speaking. Okay the first one who presented an ICANN was I don't know who proposed the ALS engagement and the report of the ALS by ICANN so they can organize more activities. The second item I received Fatimata was to have the opportunity for the appropriation of new gTLD by the African community. And Fatimata said that there will be activities on the local level with ICANN participation, that will be necessary.

So now we have the third item received today as Aziz said. Today ICANN published the list of the domain names applications that have been asked. And if we check that list we can see that we have some good reason to be proud. There are 1,930 applications and 84% that were community based applications. Among the 1, 930 applications received, 66 were geographic name applications and 160 applications are in non-Latin characters.

We need some support. We have worked a lot to have these results. We have worked in the JAS to have a real and operational program to help all the countries to enter this world with us to reach people now. We also worked a lot with the implementation group with Board, staff and other members so we can put into action new mechanisms to help and support those who need it. So after all this work, after the support

given to all the candidates, there were only three applicants asking for support.

So, I have taken the floor and I have asked the President of the Board who asked me to stop speaking and I said to him “you said that you had improved the situation of the region, it works in Europe, but it doesn’t work in the poor countries where there are a lot of applicants and people can’t have this support.” So there is another problem and it is that the applicants support comes from there are 911 from North America, 875 from Europe, 23 from Asia and Pacific and only 17 from Africa, 24 from Latin America and the Caribbean and only 17 from Africa.

So in all of that there are lots of things we can choose an issue from that and say ICANN we are not satisfied because you didn’t do what you have to do for Africa to be participating as a developing country. Because a developing country hasn’t had a possibility to participate. There were other items I think Fatimata proposals includes also Baudouin’s proposal, but I also think that with the new data we can find another way more adapted to the current situation to discuss.

Fatimata Seye Sylla:

Thank you Tijani. For the information and for what you said, I think you are right and our request and the results we received from this application showed that our request is really a good argument for ICANN to help us because the information is here, we can see it. Yaovi do you want to take the floor?

Yaovi Atohoun: Yes thank you. I agree with Tijani's analysis and I wanted to ask him the second term is not so current. I think I propose that we can introduce it to the Prague meeting. We have to think about that all the work made by Tijani. The community wanted that work to be done and Tijani had to fight. I think the message must be sent to our community and we have to say to our community that they asked us for this work at the last moment, we are not supporting the work made by our representatives. So we have to say that.

Fatimata Seye Sylla: Thank you Yaovi, Fatimata speaking. I think Tijani maybe we are going to present a team to include what we said and we can send it on the list and on the AFRALO-African meeting in Prague because it is a very important issue. You fight for that and you won't lose. Now if you agree, Tijani do you want to add something? Yaovi do you want...

Tijani Ben Jemaa: Can I ask you if the group can work on that issue because I won't be available before the 20th and I think it's a little late. So if Yaovi and Aziz know the item with Hadja who also said she wanted to work on that issue, so if you want to form a small group of three persons to propose something.

Fatimata Seye Sylla: Okay, this is Fatimata speaking. Okay Tijani I agree with you. Yaovi do you agree too?

Yaovi Atohoun: I propose that Fatimata also take part of this group.

Fatimata Seye Sylla: Okay if you agree it's okay. So we just go on. Hadja are here? Hadja are you still with us; because I want her to lead the group. Okay we are going to speak with her later and now we are on any other business. Who is proposing, Victor is in the group, okay. As Hadja is not here Victor do you want to take Hadja's place. Hadja's line is mute. Okay Victor is volunteering. Okay you are in the group and Hadja if you can hear us if you want you can coordinate that group. Please just give us an answer quickly.

Now the last item, any other business. Are there any other business? No any other business? So I think we had a wonderful meeting. Janvier, do you have any comments? I can't hear you. Hello?

Janvier Ngoulaye: I'm here.

Fatimata Seye Sylla: Who wants to make a comment.

Janvier Ngoulaye: Okay Janvier is speaking.

Fatimata Seye Sylla: Okay Janvier you have the floor.

Janvier Ngoulaye:

I wanted to comment something. My comment is on the new gTLDs. We can see that on the African side we have only 17 applications. I was very sad when I saw that result. I think we have to reorganize ourselves. Each continent has its blog and we have the same base in each continent. But we know that Africa doesn't have a lot of money so I think we have to put the debate back on the table and speak about that. It's not normal that we are so few applications, so I think we have to speak about the problem and we have to have a better position.

Fatimata Seye Sylla:

Thank you Janvier, thank you very much. We are agreeing with you. I think Tijani is fighting too with the problem and we are working on that problem. So our item number five is finished. Are there any other business for the item number six? If there are no any other business, I think we can finish the meeting. Who wants to take the floor? I can't hear you. I want to thank everybody for this good meeting we had, for the number of participants too. I want to thank everybody. And I want to say hello to the staff and to the interpreters. Thank you everybody and see you in Prague and we go on working. Thank you and bye-bye.

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