
YESIM SAGLAM:

Good morning, good afternoon and good evening to everyone. Welcome to the APRALO monthly teleconference taking place on Thursday, 18th of July 2024 at 6:00 UTC. And just a kind reminder that today's monthly meeting will be held for 90 minutes. On the call, we have Ali Almeshal Adarsh Bu, Ashirwad Tripathy, Barkha Manral, Vivek Silwal, Charles Mok, Cheryl Langdon-Orr, Eranga Samarathna, Faheem Soomro, Gopal Tadepalli, Hong Xue, Justine Chew, K Mohan Raidu, Mabda Haerunnisa Fajrilla Sidiq, Mary Rose Ofianga, Maureen Hilyard, Phyto Thri Lwin, Pranav Bhaskar Tiwai, Priyatosh jana, Sarai, Satish Babu, Tracey Johnson and Jahangir Hossain. We have received apologies from Amrita Choudhury, Muhammad Shabbir Awan and from Gunela Astbrink. And from staff side, we have Athena Foo and myself, Yesim Saglam present on today's call and I'll also be doing call management. Before we get started, just a kind reminder to please state your name before speaking for the transcription purposes, please. And with this, I would like to leave the floor back over to you, Ali. Thank you very much.

ALI ALMESHAL:

Thank you so much, Yesim. And good morning, good afternoon and good evening to everyone on the call and hope you are enjoying your days and summer. And I hope you don't have Bahrain summer as well. It is boiling here. We are 45 plus centigrade. So two days back, it was around 50. So imagine what is happening with that 50 centigrade. It's extremely disastrous for us. Anyway, hopefully you are not having that. And we have a rich agenda today. We are having two or three major updates on the progress within the APRALO.

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And as you know, our first agenda item today will go on the rules of procedure. And those who have attended Istanbul last year on September for the General Assembly are aware of that we started it there and we kicked it off with a small team co-chaired by Cheryl Langdon-Orr and Justine. And the work started from there to look into enhancement, our rule of the procedure, which was developed by on the 2014. So without any further ado, I would hand over the mic to Cheryl and all are you Cheryl.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

Why, thank you very much Ali. And for those of you like Pranav, who is wondering where my usual dragon background is, whatever dragon it is I'm in the mood for, this is my light at the end of the tunnel image. So I'm being positive you're all going to affirm all of this when we take it to vote and we're all going to have the rest of this little bit of time together, this part of the agenda, which hopefully will be less than the amount of time allocated Ali, just so you know, as long as they don't have too many questions.

Now, first of all, this slide set, which will be linked to your agenda as a PDF, is longer than we are going to run through today. The first three slides are really there for reference and historical context. I would encourage you to look through the first few slides and we will have a very brief stop in as Yesim forwards through. But everything that is a short history of the Rules of Procedure is simply there for the archival purpose of making this presentation more complete. So there we all are, as mentioned, when we gathered [in Tokyo] for our General Assembly, where we did have a substantial discussion on these Rules of

Procedure and the changes. You can move to the next slide. I'll be moving very quickly through them.

This gets you all the way back to the very beginning for those of you who are excited about such things. Next slide. The links are live, by the way, so you can dig into more information. Again, a whole lot of information linked to this slide, including some historical context on the bottom left-hand side. The reason I got carried away and put this in to this presentation is pretty much because I suspect if I don't leave these links somewhere, no one will ever find them again. They are well and truly hidden in the deep and dark recesses of various wikis and websites. And so I figured it would be much safer for me to drag them out and link them to something that some future historian might be able to access more easily. Next slide.

And this is, of course, where we start getting into the current context. This current context is material that you will have all read recently with the notice of motion that was sent out to the email list. It is the background, the notice of motion and the details of the motion put by Amrita and seconded by Cherie, both obviously knowledgeable and active members of the small team, contains all of the information that is in this slide. It might be slightly reworded here, but basically what you have in your emails and in the formal information that goes around this vote that we are going to get to after today's call is again left in this presentation for context. Next slide. Thank you. I told you we were going to zoom through this, didn't I? We only had three minutes of me anyway.

Now this is important. As per the existing rules of procedure and section 23, to amend the existing rules of procedure, according to subsection 23.1, we have to get a super majority vote of the APRALO. Now the electorate for the APRALO is one of the ALS representatives and there's two or three associated with each ALS. So hopefully one of two or three will be in a position to cast the vote. And one unaffiliated individual member representative who will cast a vote on behalf of all of I think 60 something unaffiliated individual members.

So when we do our math, what that means is we have currently 69 at large structures. This is increased from when we looked at this information and when we reviewed this rules of procedure and how we were going to be able to update it back in Tokyo. But what it means is if we have 69 At-Large structures plus one, if we include all of our unaffiliated individual members as a sort of a pseudo structure, that means we have an electorate of 70 votes. And 60% or three fifths of 70 votes means we have to get 42 affirmative votes for these rules to be adopted. That means ladies and gentlemen that even if you are not the person in your At-Large structure that casts the vote on behalf of your At-Large structure, that you need to make sure you push your representative to cast preferably an affirmative, that's the light at the end of the tunnel image, vote because we have to get a super majority. Failing that we'll be doing this all again. We'll be casting another set of votes. So the resolution has been put and at the close of today we will in fact be starting a vote. Next slide please. Thanks Yesim.

I've belabored that point on what we need to do. Because again, you need to make sure that even if you are not the person who is going to cast the hopefully yes vote, not subtle on the column there, that you are

aware that these whereas clauses as they're known outline the following information. Now these are very legalistic terminologies but they are important because it is agreeing to these things that triggers us adopting the new rules. So we've got our datings, we have our details, we have the bit of history about the working party reports and how much we've had outreach and engagement. We've mentioned we've met and worked on these rules of procedure in our General Assembly and that we had a substantial review and redrafting during the beginning of this year. And here I really would like to, on behalf of Justine and I, give our thanks and compliments to those in the small team who worked with us on these updated rules of procedure. They did an absolutely fabulous job of working with the redrafting and review. And this is a substantial review of our rules.

And then we have put forward at the beginning of the year, in fact nearly two months ago now, a final draft as of the 3rd of May. And it is that with a minor change and that is the amount of voting in the affirmative we need. That's the only thing that has changed. We've updated the front page that says that we now need 42 affirmative votes. And that is where we are and that is what is being put to you all. Next page, thank you very much.

You have every word of that in the notice of motion by the way. So what we're going to be doing now is look at the fact that this group of pages in this presentation, because it may be that your representative for your At-Large structure, or indeed the allocated individual to cast the vote for the unaffiliated individual members, is not present in today's meeting. So if they are not present in today's meeting, if they have not kept up to date on all of this and the development of these

new rules, then you draw their attention to this and the previous slides because it even has the recordings of exactly what we discussed during the hybrid meeting.

In other words, ladies and gentlemen, the excuse that one occasionally hears in these things, “Oh, I didn't want to vote in the affirmative because I hadn't been part of it, I wasn't actively involved in it and I didn't want to cast a vote on something I wasn't sure about,” won't wash. You can provide them with all of the background material and you really need to push to make sure your At-Large structure and our UIM representative vote and preferably vote yes. Next slide, please. Am I getting pushy? I'm intending to. Thank you.

Honestly, that really is all there is other than to answer your questions. The next steps, and it seems to me that we may have missed a next step slide somehow, but perhaps not. The next steps is what is outlined in the emails that you've all been sent. At the close of this meeting the next 24 hours, a voting form will go out, an invitation to vote to those who are part of the electorate. In other words, the 69 at-large structures and whomever the UIMs are appointing will be invited to cast their vote, but you all need to ensure that they do so. With that, I would like to open the floor for any discussion and any questions. Thank you.

ALI ALMESHAL:

Thank you so much, Cheryl. First of all, if you would allow me, I would just want to thank all the team who have worked on this, on your leadership, Cheryl and Justine, and the team who put that much effort, because this is extremely important, things that we need all to look into,

as Cheryl had mentioned. We need the 42 ALSes to vote once the email is sent by tomorrow, I guess. So, please pass this message, spread it out to the team, because I can see now we have 36 attendees, and I don't think that all of the attendees are the ones who are eligible for voting, but please pass the message and make sure it is there, because it represents what we need to do, the way we will work going forward. So, the floors are open for question and answer, and Justine, if you have any update or anything to add, up to you. Great. Any questions?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: That's perfect. And I've gained you 11 minutes, Ali. Back to you.

ALI ALMESHAL: I'm giving them a second, if somebody wants to raise anything before we move to the next item. I see no hands. Nothing on the chat. One more time, thank you very much for the team, Cheryl and Justine and the team, and that's great, and please expect the email by tomorrow that will be sent out. Thank you so much, and moving forward, we'll go to our next agenda item, which is the CIP small team with Justine, and this is extremely hard and tough work, and I've attended a number of those meetings, which is on a weekly, weekly, continuously, and there were an extensive work done by the team, and a lot of changes and updates and follow-up. Justine, floors are yours.

JUSTINE CHEW: Thank you, Ali. This is Justine, for the record. I have the pleasure of presenting the work of the small team, the APRILO small team on

continuous improvement program, and this is our little presentation, and I'm also very pleased to say that the team who have volunteered to help with the presentation are all present, so you're not just going to be hearing from me. You're going to be hearing from a bunch of other people from the small team.

In terms of the content that we're going to present to you, this is it. We're going to tell you a little bit about the CIP CCG, which stands for Community Continuous Improvement Program Community Coordinating Group. Okay, this is in standing with ICANN's love for long names and fancy acronyms. Okay, so this is another one, CIPCCG so when you hear me say chip, some people get confused. I actually mean CIP, obviously, but chip sounds better than CIP. Anyway, that's a little joke.

Okay, so just a little bit of background about the CIPCCG and then the membership, because this is a cross-community group. So everyone in the community, every part of the community is involved with this so we'll tell you a little bit about the membership and the timeline that the CIP CCG is following to do phase, a couple of phases of its work and then I will also introduce formally, I suppose, the members of the small team, the APRALO small team, and then some of us will talk about a couple of examples of the draft submission. What we have done is we prepared a draft submission, a complete draft submission, I'm very, very happy to say, and a couple of us are going to run through a couple of examples of the work that we've done, and what is the next steps that's entailed for APRALO. So, without further ado, I'm going to pass the mic over to Phylo, who's going to take you through the next two slides.

PHYO THRI LWIN:

Thank you, Justine. Next slide, please. Okay, so first of all, I would like to explain a little bit of background and challenges of the challenges. The thing is that the accountability, transparency review recommendation, a call for evolving the organizational review into the CIP, and also the ICANN Board have [inaudible] the project plan to implement a pilot CIP ensuring it is the intended outcome before completing the bylaw amendment.

This is a little bit background. And additionally, and also organizational review has been [inaudible] supporting organization and also advisory committee. And in addition, the independent examiner have been conducted the review to evaluate what the organization concept and committee have for continuing purpose within the ICANN structure and also to change in the structure of organization and operation of [inaudible] to improve the effectiveness. And also to the accountability is and also to [inaudible] accountability to its constituency and also the stakeholder organization, the other stakeholders.

And the challenge was to understand and also compare them, as I mentioned, like the independent and to assess the independent examiners and also the quality of the approaches or recommendations to know the shortcoming of the community that have been perceived. Next slide, please.

Okay, so it's like according to the recommendation, ATRT3, recommendation 3.6, the solution is to replace the organizational review with the CIP program. As mentioned before, to hold the SOAC

[and NomCom] accountable to their stakeholder, while focus on the changes to improve their structure as well.

ICANN organization also proposed the CIP CCG group in January 2024 with the goal to develop the framework for implementation of this recommendation, ATRT3.6. Specifically, the CIP CCG framework are focusing on to the process share and extending and after meaning of continuous improvement in the context of according to this recommendation and why considering the methodology for the effective continuous improvement program, agreement upon the methodology to fit with the ICANN purpose. [inaudible] to formulate the [CIP] framework that is to be used by the SOACs and NomCom.

As you see here, we have been like our framework is kind of like there will be the principles and criteria and also the smart indicator for dimensions. So let me pass another colleague, team member to present more about the CIP CCG program.

JUSTINE CHEW:

Thank you, Phyio. Moving over to Priyatosh.

PRIYATOSH JANA:

Okay, this is Priyatosh for the record. So here we can see that is the overall timeline information regarding CIP CCG work plan. And CIP framework has been developed by all the participants as expected and which is going to out for public comment, which is supposed to be in November 2024 and the accumulation of each group's work and inputs to the CIP CCG.

So here we can see there are two, three years' time period here and first time period for CIP assessment, which is going to start right from the 1st Jan 2025 and which is going to be end in 31st of December 2027. And the second period of CIP assessment, which is going to start on 1st Jan of 2027 and which is going to be end on 31st December of 2030. And the end result of the CIP assessment will inform the holistic review. So here this is the overall time CIP roadmap timeline, which is we have to obey. Okay, thank you.

JUSTINE CHEW:

Very good. Thank you, Priyatosh. Next we have Faheem.

FAHEEM SOOMRO:

Yeah, let me dive into the roadmap for CIP CCG initiative. Let's start, let's divide this roadmap into four phases. First off, we have January to March. Let me give you a prelude of this roadmap where CIP CCG team's focus was to lead down the groundwork by developing principles of like and bylaws. Phase two, during April, community representative including [APRALO] has been working on the CIP submission. And then in May and June, the community representative educated their groups on the progress of the process of CIP initiative. And this document would be available for public comment in October to November 2024. I'm sorry, Justine, can you continue? I'm having a severe headache.

JUSTINE CHEW:

All right, okay, it's fine. Okay, so this is... Priyatosh talked about the entire roadmap for CIP CCG. This particular slide focuses just on this

year alone, what we're supposed to be doing as a group this year. Right, so as I said before, the CCG is a cross community one. And then within each community, like for example, APRALO, we have set up a small team. So different communities will work differently. We have chosen to set up a small team.

Right, and the important thing here is that we have been working diligently. And there is an expectation for us to submit APRALO submission by the 24th of June. So you see in the middle of this slide. We have been meant to be working on this set of criteria and indicators falling down from a framework of five principles between 5th of June to 24th of July. So we're intending to submit on time our submission, the APRALO submission on the 24th of July. So that's why you see... Okay, I'll come to the next step later on. Okay, but the rest of it is just what's expected to happen up to November 21 of 2024, which is when the A version of the CIP framework will be published for public comment. Next slide, please.

Okay, so I'm taking this one as well because Faheem has a headache. So anyway, so I mentioned that, you know, every group within the community of ICANN is participating in the CIP CCG. So you see the list here. I'm not going to go through all of it. And it also includes the nominating committee. The nominating committee has a rep on the CCG. And basically all the groups within the supporting organizations and the advisory committees are also involved in this initiative. Okay, so move on to slide number eight. Oh, that's me also.

Okay, so this is where I take the pleasure in actually naming all the small team members. Amrita and Justine. Myself. Right. So on behalf of

Amrita and myself, I would really like to thank the small team who have been working very hard and very collegiately to get us to this point where we actually have a full submission to make in a belief. Actually, we are ahead of all many of the other groups. So the rest of the team is made up of Cheryl, Barkha, Pranav, Jasmine, Shita, who couldn't join us today at this call because she had a prior engagement. Ashirwad, Phy, Faheem, Priyatosh, Adarash, and also Ali. Okay, moving on to Ashirwad. Next slide, please.

ASHIRWAD TIRPATHY:

Thank you, Justine. So, the CIPCCG framework, we were provided with a framework where there were five principles. And there were certain criteria and indicators, smart indicators that we had to build. We did have a little bit of flexibility on deciding criteria and smart indicators. But there are the five principles fixed, but we did do some minor adjustment as required for APRALO.

So the first principle was if APRALO is fulfilling its purpose, which we are, but we had to be specific. So we had some criteria regarding that, which will come in the later slide. The second principle was, is that the structure of APRALO is effective, and we had to justify how it's effective, what has been done. The third principle was that the operation of APRALO is efficient. The fourth principle relates to accountability, that the APRALO is accountable internally to its substructure and externally to wider community.

So there was this word constituencies and other words, but looking at APRALO and how we function, we tweak a little bit of, we tweak some

words, but the main motto of principle four is to justify and make sure that we're accountable internally to our substructures and members as well as externally to the wider ICANN community. And the fifth principle is that we collaborate to further the mission of ICANN and effectiveness of ICANN's multistakeholder model. So we're there to push that. So these were the five principles that we were given and we did have certain criteria and more than 50, 60 indicators, which my colleague will speak in next slide. So I would like to hand the baton to Adarsh and Pranav to continue with explaining the deal about the criteria and indicators. Thank you.

PRANAV BHASKAR TIWARI:

Thank you Adarsh, Pranav for the record. And especially, I'm an ICANN 79 fellow, so that's how I started in ICANN and it was my first official work for ICANN and I really thank the leadership for not only their guidance, but also their patience, because there was a learning curve. And as [inaudible] just took you through the framework of CIPCCG, going from principles to criteria to indicators. And these indicators, as you mentioned, would be smart, specific, measurable, achievable, relevant and time bound. And in this slide, Adarsh and I will try to explain to you what are the five principles and how we are assessing them. We'll take a few examples.

And the first one here is how APRALO is fulfilling its purpose. And here what we are trying to see is in the first one on fulfilling purposes by contributing to ICANN's mission, here we are assessing that how is APRALO strengthening the reach and engagement in APAC or how are we combating DNS threats or how we are expanding and building the

multilingual Internet. So these are some of the larger ideas that we have captured and for each of them, we have developed indicators. And I encourage you to read the reporting copy, the draft that we have prepared, and you will find the details of principle one from page two to five, so please go through it.

Similarly, we have principle two on how APRALO's structure is effective. And there we are trying to understand how are we measuring our outputs. And again, we have very detailed indicators ensuring that everything is smart and we can report it effectively. Similarly, when we move to principle three, we try to assess how APRALO's operations are efficient. And here, for instance, we are seeing how are we managing our workload effectively. So our colleagues in the next slide, Barkha and Jasmine, will take you through some of the principles and the indicators in detail so you can have that understanding on how this moves. But what we encourage you to do is go through the draft reporting copy that we have prepared and share your feedback with us. We've already incorporated some feedback from the leadership and we look forward to your thoughts as well. And with this, I'll hand it over to Adarsh.

ADARSH BU:

Thank you so much Pranav for briefing out. Adarsh here for the record. So going further, the two more principles, especially the one with like the principle four. So as Pranav mentioned multiple principles, the three principles, the principle four goes with that like an accountability. So the accountability is especially with respect to the internally on a substructure as well as it follows with the externally into the wider community of the ICANN. So this has multiple criteria for here in this

principle four. So which takes about the criteria of which is accountable for its members in the recruiting or developing and maintaining the things of the members.

So mainly it is mainly the aspect of to achieve the purpose here and also it's to support the resources, recruiting and onboarding the newcomers who comes to the APRALO to take care of that. And also the criteria is mainly maintaining the skill set of the newcomers and the existing ones with the technical expertise, which is in the aspect of capacity building. And also to take the level of an active participation and followed by like a mainstay, the sufficient level of accountability and the transparency in the information that you provide in the way to communicate or as an aspect of an engaging with the members. And also not only with the members, but also with the broader multi-stakeholder community as well.

And also the few more of the criteria here is to implement the prior recommendations, it will be taken care of as well. So the principle five here talks about much more on the collaboration to further like in the aspect of and in the point of a mission of ICANN and to bring in the effectiveness of the ICANN multi-stakeholder model. So this has like a criteria, the major criteria is to apparel as a process in a place for communicating and coordinating with the ICANN global multi-stakeholder community. So these are the total overall five principles for you. So as per now, my colleague mentioned, so I would like to recommend everyone to go through the document in detail to get a better idea in detail. I would like to hand over to my colleagues to take it further. Thank you.

JUSTINE CHEW: Barkha, you're up next.

BARKHA MANRAL: Yeah. Hi. Hello, everyone. Barkha for the record. Thank you for the brief explanation about the principles and smart indicators. So we are talking about just as Justine defined in the very beginning that we are we are listening to the principles and different principles. So we have just taken some part of our work from the draft. So I'm representing the principle two, which says that the apparel is effective. So in this principle, we have tried to cover and tell that how actually apparel is making an effect in doing work, being in the structure of ICANN At-Large group.

So we have taken the principle two, criteria one, which talks about that the working that the APRALO has working groups of processes to plan and address goals and priorities each year to help APRALO meet this purpose. So basically, we are defining how APRALO is doing an effective task and job, being it is about UIM member or being it is about ALSes or being it is about the CIP CCG small group types or ROPs.

So for the first thing, we can all can see that smart indicator 13, which talks about the role of procedures in which we have talked to continue to comply with the existing of the ROP of 2013 and connecting it to the new ROP, which is established in 2024 in administrating the various processes and which actually relies on the basically various things which talks about membership category, leadership selection processes and other criteria.

In the smart indicator 14, which talks about the outreach and engagement plan in our annual basis. We have defined it how the annual outreach and engagement in the zone of APRALO works and how the processes and encourage the inclusion of at least in minimum one engagement activity of the ALS or the UIM each year.

Coming to the smart indicator 16, which talks about the policy forum. So it is, we all have that, like in June, we have this policy forum. So APRALO should, and here we are talking about the policy forum working group. So APRALO should continue to utilize the APRALO policy forum as a standing working team to design and implement different initiatives or different outreach and engagement programs like hot topic surveys, which we want to do in being a part of the APRALO community.

So coming to the next, that is smart indicator 19, which talks about the small, small teams together continue doing effort and work to make out as a APRALO an effective community. So here we talk about the continue to convene and utilize small teams like this non-standing working teams, or we can consider our CIP CCG small team as well. So engaging the APRALO members in the developing policy position on issue of interest to APRALO. So that is what we have talked about in principle. So we have just taken a small part from all the criteria, but if you want to look for the whole part, we will share the whole draft thing, Google link here. Thank you. I will give the floor to Jasmine.

JASMINE KO:

Thank you very much [inaudible] starting to share about the first example about the indicator and the principle. So the coming one,

which is also the other one, it's another principle. APRALO is accountable internally to its structures and externally to the wider ICANN community. So we have been editing one of the criteria of principle four. So it's about the APRALO is accountable to its membership in recruiting, developing, and maintaining membership. That needs to achieve the following purpose.

So indicator 44 is about to continue to share and invite input from At-Large structures and also UIMs in participating in each annual outreach and engagement plan. And discuss the potential membership target in general. And the next indicator. It's about continuing the regular process of promptly announcing new ALS accredited by ALAC to the APRALO community through appropriate mailing list. And also doing monthly calls like this one.

And the last one is from 2025 onwards. It's to regularize the practice of announcing UIMs accredited by APRALO leadership team through the appropriate mailing list and also monthly call. So this is just a very small part of what we've been doing. It's just giving you another perspective on what other principle or what kind of, you know, when it comes to structure and membership, what can we actually measure. So that's my part. Thank you.

JUSTINE CHEW:

Thanks Jasmine. And Adarsh, can you take it away?

ADARSH BU:

Thank you. [inaudible] see the action plans. July 15th, [inaudible] working on the fsmall team [inaudible] So the next action item plan is we are open for if there are any comments to get it in the 22nd of July and provide the clarification [inaudible]

23rd of July is the consensus call for the AFRALO leadership team, and then the 24th will be [inaudible] submitted to the CIP CCG. It's the complete action plan. Thank you.

JUSTINE CHEW:

Thank you team. Very proud of you. I don't know if we have time for questions because we have eaten up quite a bit of time. I would suggest that folks actually read the draft submission that we have prepared. The email for notifying this has gone out on the 18th of July. So please check your inboxes. We will be asking staff to send reminders along the way so that you have a chance to actually at least look at it before we close the call for comments on the 22nd. Okay. So back to you, Ali.

ALI ALMESHAL:

Thanks, Justine. I think if there are any questions somebody want to raise, I think we have some time here because as I noticed from the beginning, the time has been extended for 30 minutes. So if anyone would like to raise any questions, I can see one in the chat, but if anyone else wants to raise his hand, please do. And I want to honestly congratulate all of the team and the mentor. It's a great, great job, Justine and the team. You have prepared the team for the next level. Thank you all. Thank you so much. Any questions? There is a question,

Justine, from Nabil. He's asking, can you elaborate more on how to measure this KPI, for example?

JUSTINE CHEW:

Sure. I can try to take that. So we haven't used the word KPI. The framework, as we tried to explain, consists of five principles. And then each principle would be up to the group that is working on the framework. And then each principle would be up to the group that is working on it to decide how many criteria fall into each principle. And then within each criteria to develop smart indicators as to how you would then assess whether you've achieved something in terms of the criteria. So that is the framework that we're using. So I suppose your KPI would be the equivalent of smart indicators.

So if you go through the document, you will see how we have tried to elaborate for each criteria that we have proposed to then for each principle, one of the, each of the five principles. And we've given examples of what the smart indicators are. So Barkha and Jasmine ran through two examples.

ALI ALMESHAL:

Great. So I see no hands, which gives us a very good indicator that things are clear and understandable. So no need for any more clarifications. And the timeframe is already set. And the next step is clear for everyone. Great. So moving to our next agenda item, it is about the 25 outreach and engagement plan and activities.

So here I wanted just to highlight that to all of the attendees. If they have, or they are planning, or have an activities for the coming year, please share it, document it, the objectives of that, the leading people who are doing it. We need a link for that activities. We need some pictures as well to have a very well documented documents or a report that we need to share with the community and with staff as well, that what we are doing within the region. So please, if anything is there, just share it with us. The Wiki page is available, I guess, to list all of those activities and plans or share it with the leadership team. And we'll take care of it. We need the links, we need dates, we need who's leading such activities and what's the objective behind it, achieved or not achieved. So work on it from now. Any activities you are doing within your country, within your area, within your region, participations, just share it. And we need to document all of that in a report. That's just a very high level highlight that we are starting for the outreach plan for 25. And if anybody want to add anything, please feel free before we move to our next agenda item. Going one, going twice, great.

Moving forward, we are having a share what you have, what you plan to do next from our fellows from the Kigali meeting. And we are expecting [inaudible] but I don't see him on the call, but the team, all the fellows are available. So I'll start handling this with the fellows. So Bibek, if you please go ahead.

BIBEK SILWAL:

Thank you, Ali, Thank you very much to everyone, to the APRALO team. It was really great to resonate with everyone in ICANN 80. For the record, I'm Bibek Silwal from Nepal and I've been engaged in the

internet governance since 2018. So I'm clearly engaged with internet governance, youth internet governance for Nepal and also in regional and global events. Overall, I have been engaged in ICANN since ICANN 75 as NextGen. And then I continued working with the APRALO team and then in ICANN 78 and 80, I was a fellow.

So specifically in this ICANN 80 meeting, I was really excited and impressed that there were a lot of sessions about strengthening the multi-stakeholder community from the high level government meeting to ICANN organizing a session and how ICANN should position itself in the ongoing process like the Global Digital Compact, the NetMundial, there's a summit of the future and everything. Besides that, ongoing conversation regarding the next round gTLD and universal acceptance were quite interesting to me.

And moving forward with my engagement in ICANN. So in partnership with ICANN, in next month we are going to a local APIGA. So we [inaudible] university students, the [inaudible] about 30 of the student to get into the field of internet governance and specifically also know about the ICANN. So yeah, that's it for me, Ali, thank you.

ALI ALMESHAL:

Thank you, Bibek. Moving to Mary Rose.

MARY ROSE OFIANGA:

Hi everyone and good afternoon. I am Mary Rose from the Philippines. Third time fellow, I learned more things in ICANN 80 and right now as the next steps for me, I am making a deliberate effort to actively

participate and contribute more to regional policy development and even to the activities of ICANN whether it's a conference online. And this includes actually initiating an outreach to provide more opportunities to women to join discussions on internet governance. I organized a Facebook group for women in internet governance so that it will serve as a platform for information dissemination and education campaigns encouraging more women to participate in the discussions in ICANN and Internet Governance Forum, and also to inspire and empower more women to engage in the policy development process. And this is one of the opportunities for me to also share what is Internet governance and ICANN to every universities that I go. Yeah, as part of my work as a program manager of [entrepreneurship] program. So that's all from my end. Thank you for this opportunity.

ALI ALMESHAL:

Thank you. it's amazing, amazing words, and keep continuously doing that. I mean we are always proud of our fellows and the activities they take after the meetings and the continuous work you're doing. Well done. Tracy.

TRACY JOHNSON:

Hi, Tracy here from Wellington, New Zealand. Thank you for the opportunity. So I currently work in a business relationship role selling an email to SMS platform to local businesses via the largest New Zealand ISP provider. I'm on the board of a not for profit, and I previously worked at Internet NZ, which was my introduction to the domain name world. Via that role at internet New Zealand, I was sent to some GDD

summits and Namescon, and I also volunteer time on the domain name association to offer some marketing support.

So coming back to the fellowship, my first one was 78 in Hamburg, and then obviously I was in Kigali which really cemented the relationships and the people that I meet. I'm very much learning the ICANN world and where my areas of interest are because working for an ISP and being involved for not for profit but also having that country code experience, I've found it challenging to narrow where to be. But I really feel that the Kigali conference really helped me make those connections.

So going forward, I'm going to be involved more on the online meetings, reach out to the other stakeholders to further my education. I've also been already in conversations with people in New Zealand around encouraging them and their interest in the organization and particularly those that might be future fellows. I also have some marketing experience so I'm very eager to help participate in anything marketing where I can help with public outreach content. Thank you.

ALI ALMESHAL:

Thank you so much, Tracy. And ICANN is always a continuous learning curve, you will never ever stop. So, and whenever you need any help or support, all the team here are on an email away or a call way from you. So don't hesitate any time to ask or inquire and you'll get all what you want. Believe me, I've started as a fellow and went through all of this experience. So just don't hesitate. Thank you so much, Tracy. Moving to the next Phyio, please.

PHYO THRI LWIN:

Thank you for having me today. And this is Phyo from Myanmar. It's my very honor to be sharing about my experience here. I started my journey as an ICANN NextGen in 2022 at ICANN 75. At the time [inaudible] but right now, when I started engaging as APRALO, I feel like I'm very connected with this APRALO group because all of the [inaudible] are very supportive and I feel like more comfortable than before. Because I have been engaging as on the one hand, I also have like a role for coordinating to support the young people from the Asia Pacific region to learn about the APRALO. So it's very helpful that when after returning from the fellowship program, I could share and also invite some connected with the speaker from the ICANN community to build our capacity among the youth community as well.

In addition to that [inaudible] who are also here, and also [inaudible] are also trying to organize a webinar, a session for the Asia Pacific women in Internet Governance session that is supposed to be happening on the July 25. So we are trying to organize to share our experience not only to the women, but our session is mainly focused on the women empowerment. So I also would like to advise and also [inaudible] that session information as well.

I also have a background like the Internet governance, to advocate about the Internet Governance. And I'm also wearing the hat of the coordinator for the Youth Internet Governance Forum member and South Asia Youth Internet Governance Forum, which is going to happen very soon this month and also the first week of August. I'm very proud that I could enrich about the ICANN and also contribute back to that forum as well to advocate and also let them know about the ICANN

policy and how it is important. And thank you very much. And it's my very great honor to be here.

ALI ALMESHAL:

Thank you, Tracy. Aris, do you want to take the floor?

ARIS IGNACIO:

Thank you so much, Ali, for taking over. My apologies. We do have a planning session here that went overboard. So it's really part of work. But thank you so much. I think, Phyo for that one, even Tracy. I don't know if Bibek have already spoken. But after that one, I'll be moving on further to Barkha. Barkha, I'll give the floor. Thank you.

BARKHA MANRAL:

Hello, everyone. Again, Barkha for the record. So yeah, so I started my ICANN journey. Let's not talk about the Internet governance, but I will stick to ICANN journey. I started as a fellow in ICANN 78 in Hamburg. Then I got the chance to again come as a fellow in policy forum, which was held in July in Kigali. So the difference between being a new fellow and a fellow alumni was that when I entered into the fellowship thing in Hamburg, it was very overwhelming because I got to know about so many things from the ICANN. It is like an ocean and there are so many things, opportunities. But for the first time, it is like many things, but you have to comprehend, you have to understand. So for the first time, it was very overwhelming. But when I come to the policy form, I was very calculative, comprehensive. I know what I have to take. I know how can I implement my ideas, whom to connect, whom to not connect, or

whom I can always go and look forward. So this is a kind of very thin but a good line I judged by myself by being a new fellow or an alumni.

So from there, only entering into the DNS movement and learning about how ICANN is also empowering women and working towards the sector to empower women more in the not into the community, which is related anyhow to technical, but also as I can see that it is a multi-stakeholder community. So from there only we learned from ICANN 78 to ICANN 80, we learned that we can empower more women into the IG and ICANN community. We can bring more women from there onwards. The [inaudible] that we can create a group, a small group. Let's begin connecting with people, especially the women. Let's tell them that it's not that difficult. You just need internet, which is very basic, but yet expensive thing to acquire, but they can do it. If we can, they can also. So this is a kind of inspiring that we want to pursue with them. So we are having our first session. All the women are most welcome. But yeah, this is the first session. So we are just welcoming the women. So yeah, this is one of the things I learned and doing working on. So APRALO is also part of it. It's something I'm also a part of. And I am very lucky and feel very justified to be a part of this group because the people here, the seniors especially, they don't judge us. They just give us the part, tell us that this is the direction you need to go. Just go and experience the thing, explore the opportunities, go and do outreach and do engagement. Learn about things and go. So this is my journey. Thank you. And there is [inaudible] information [inaudible] to gain. So thank you for this opportunity.

ARIS IGNACIO

Thank you so much, Barkha. And it's like women right now are making a mark within ICANN, and especially APRALO, we are in the forefront of really women being involved in our endeavor. We do see Justine, we do see Cheryl, we do see a lot, and especially Amrita who is leading us. So, you know, women are really at par with men. That's what I can say. They are the ones who are leading us through what is really necessary. Thank you for that. We appreciate the things that you have experienced. You are going into moving forward. Hopefully, we will see you more here at ICANN. So moving forward, I don't know if Bibek has already...

ALI ALMESHAL:

We are done with them.

ARIS IGNACIO:

Thank you so much. It's really frustrating. But I'm really proud of our fellows. When I was doing communication with them, I know they have done a lot, and I'm really quite ashamed of myself because they're much more advanced, and they have done a lot of doing a lot of things already in the background, not being involved first with ICANN, but now with ICANN. I do hope that each and every one of you will be contributing to our goals.

So at this point, I think if everyone has already mentioned, Rose is not around. Is Rose around? I don't think—I haven't seen her here. I don't know if she left already.

ALI ALMESHAL: Yeah, I think she left. I think she had to drop off or something.

ALI ALMESHAL: And she had given her update. Yeah.

ARIS IGNACIO: Thank you so much, Justine. So thank you so much [inaudible]. So with that, I will now move back to Ali for the next set up, because that is the one that we are... Feedback and also the future. So again, thank you so much to all of our fellows. Hope that we'll go to see you in future ICANN meetings and also do your future work. Thank you.

ALI ALMESHAL: Thank you, Aris. And thank you for the fellows update. And it seems that we will not use the extra 30 minutes that ICANN have given to us, except for one any other business point that Justine have raised, she wanted to give an update about the [inaudible]. So floors are yours, Justine.

JUSTINE CHEW: Thank you, Ali. This is Justine for the record. I meant to raise this at the top of the call that I wanted to raise an item of AOB, which is now that we have heard from various speakers today, how a few of us, or at least a lot of us are now engaged in different activities within the RALO. We also heard from the five fellows speaking today. And I'm happy to say that, you know, at least three of them, if not four of them are already engaged in activities and initiatives of the APRALO. So I'm hoping that,

you know, like Mary and Tracy would get more involved with the things that we have to offer.

Which brings me to this any other business item, which is the register of skills and interests. I fondly call it the Project ROSI using the acronyms. So we have had a small team that have been working to come up with this register of skills and interests. And if you have been part of the small team, then you would have had a preview of what that looks like. At this point in time, we are going to use a Google form to capture what it says. Your skills and your interests and your knowledge, I suppose. Yeah. In all things ICANN. And the idea is so that we can provide some more targeting directions. Like, for example, if you were to say that you had skills or knowledge in a particular area, then we know that we can try and tap you on the shoulder to ask you to help with something in that area. Or if you are expressing interest to build your capacity in another area that you're not familiar with, then we also have that captured in the register. So we know that, you know, for example, if 10 of you are saying that we want to have capacity building for a particular area, then we can also look at providing that program to meet your needs.

So the whole idea is this register is just a collection of all your inputs, whatever you choose to provide. Obviously, it's voluntary. But it is just a way for APRALO to just keep an eye on what are the knowledge and the skills that we have within our membership and what are the interests that members would like to build their capacity on.

Insofar as the launch of ROSI is concerned, we're going to do it in the number of cycles. So the Google form will be open for a period of time

so that you have plenty of time to go in and put in your inputs. Now, the form is quite long because we want to be as thorough as possible. And it is based on the ICANN Org's operating initiatives. We have always heard about their strategic plan and the operating initiatives on a five year basis. So we are working off that as the basis of collecting this sort of information. Because everything that we do has to be within ICANN's remit.

So the cycle one, we're hoping to introduce it tomorrow, launch it by tomorrow, if not today, launch it by tomorrow. And it will be kept open for approximately eight weeks. And the whole point about the Google form is that a lot of it is going to be non-mandatory information. So you don't necessarily have to fill it in. You just fill it in to the extent that you're comfortable and then you can keep going back and updating your entries. So we're going to keep that. That's why we're going to keep that form open for a number of weeks, eight weeks.

And at the end of the cycle one, we will close that form and then we will look at what people have provided. And that's how we would start working out analysis of gaps and that sort of thing. And we will try to use that information, obviously, constructively and we will respect your privacy to a point. And we'll go from there and see how well this register works and try to improve it along the way. Okay, thank you.

ALI ALMESHAL:

Thank you, Justine. And not to mention that how important and extremely very useful to have such lists or register we have about the skills and interest of all of our members within the APRALO. So if you

have any type of skills, please register it. And if you have any interest to do, please register. So we can know where to go and what to find what when it is needed. So it is extremely important.

And with that, I'll say if no more any questions, inquiries, I think the group have done a great job and we have utilized the time very efficient. And the update today from the rules of the procedure and the chip, as Justine call it, it's extremely fruitful, as well as the update from the fellows about the meeting in Kigali. And with that, thank you very much for all and see you soon. Aris, please.

ARIS IGNACIO:

Yeah. Sorry to interrupt the goodbyes, but I just want to add up to the AOB. And I just want to remind everyone, if you do have any, any activities within your ALSes, your UIM, important activity, please inform us so that we could add up to our O&E spreadsheet document so that we're going to prepare that for our 24 plans. So I hope that if you do have something, kindly inform us or I think we will be organizing something and give you access. Thank you so much. I just, it just came to me. So I just want to remind everyone just to formalize.

ALI ALMESHAL:

Thank you all and goodbye.

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