GISELLA GRUBER:	This is Gisella Gruber speaking. Good evening everyone. Welcome to AFRALOs monthly teleconference on November 14, 2012. On the English channel we have Adetokunbo Abiola, Mohamed El Bashir, Titi Akinsanmi. And on the French channel we have Fatimata Seye Sylla, Aziz Hilali, Baudouin Schombe, Yaovi Atohoun, Etienne, Tshishimbi, Tijani Ben Jemaa, Michele Tchonang, Victor Ndonnang, Alioune Diop.
	Apologies tonight have been received from Olivier Crepin-Leblond, Wilson Abigaba, Didier Kasole, Hawa Diakite. From ICANN staff we have Heidi Ullrich, Silvia Vivanco and Gisella Gruber. Our interpreter for tonight is Camila. And may I please remind you to state your name before your speak; not only for transcript purposes but also for the interpreter to be able to identify you on the English channel.
	Hadja has just joined us, so Hadja welcome. And Fatimata, you have the floor back.
FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA:	Thank you very much Gisella. Good evening everyone. I'm very glad to see that we are so many here tonight, it is extraordinary. I hope it lasts. So you can see the agenda on the line, and the second item on our agenda is public consultations. You'll see that we have many commented so far. The issues have already been posted so I'm not going to read them, you can read them for yourselves at your own rhythm.

So (inaudible) is on the line and I'd like to use this time for the following items, if you agree. What do you think, does everyone agree? Okay, everyone seems to agree. So seeing that I have no objections, I will move on to item number three and that's reports. First we have recent and upcoming activities of ALAC, and I would like to invite Titi, Yaovi and Tijani to speak on these matters. Who wants to take the floor first among you three? Tijani is saying he would be willing to do it.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay, so in November ALAC has been working –

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Tijani is inaudible right now. There is no interpretation at this point because no one can hear him nor can the interpreters, so perhaps Yaovi can take the floor. I can hear Yaovi.

YAOVI ATOHOUN: Okay perfect, this is Yaovi speaking, and I would like to begin by calling on my colleagues Tijani and Titi, but since I have a better connection I would like to speak about the open policies. Among these there is a number in which ALAC has made statements. For instance, the prioritizing for new gTLDs and ALAC has drafted a statement on this item, and so they mentioned IDNs for instance on this statement.

As regards this consultation they made a statement and they also worked on ICANNs proposal for consolidated meetings. So we made a new proposal, in fact a new project to consolidate the three annual meetings, and we suggested that a new plan in order to be able to do it.

So we had made comments or statements and there's more underweighed by ALAC at ICANN. So those are some of the activities that ALAC has been up to. That's what I can say for now. We also mentioned back over to below the agenda and for the time being that's all the ALAC has been doing I think.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Thank you Yaovi; this is Fatimata speaking. Would Titi like to add something? Or if not are there any questions regarding what Yaovi jus said?

TITI ATKINSANMI: Titi speaking. No I don't have anything to add to this. I think it's covered the issues around policy quite well. If there's any other thing I'll add to it. Thank you.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Thank you very much Titi, this is Fatimata speaking. So we're going to move on to recent and upcoming activities of AFRALO members. We have three minutes for this item, so let's try and respect the time that has been assigned. Who has any recent or upcoming activities that they would like to share at their ALS level. Who would like to take the floor? Yaovi; yes go ahead Yaovi.

YAOVI ATOHOUN: This is Yaovi speaking. My ALS has planned for December to hold a technical promotion meeting on the network application, so that's an activity that's funded by international hosts. So that's the activity that

we will have next month. At the same time, we took part at ISOC meeting on ITN public spaces. At the national level there is a national commission on the development of networks, but they haven't organized any activities yet.

So what they did was inform the audience on their upcoming activities. They would like to raise awareness and participation from other ALSes at the national level.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Thank you Yaovi; this is Fatimata, and congratulations. I see that someone else would like to speak about their ALSes activities, and that's Aziz I think whose raising his hand. Okay Baudouin, you have the floor.

BAUDOUIN SCHOMBE: We managed to associate with a government to work at the national regional local level. We wanted to update national policy and we thought that it was very important to have a regional summit, so we also participated at Baku, and with the African Union. And we would like to continue working further in this direction. So we started organizing activities to promote participation, so that's it.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Thank you Baudouin; this is Fatimata. Congratulations to you too. Now Aziz would like to speak, go on.

AZIZ HILALI: Okay, Aziz speaking.

INTERPRETER: Please mute your microphones.

AZIZ HILALI: So at our ALS,

INTERPRETER: Aziz hears an echo which doesn't allow him to go on.

AZIZ HILALI: He saying that on November 26 & 27 there will be an activity at [Qatar] and they will be working with other ALSes from [Qatar]. We're also participating with other ALSes at Marrakesh on the freedom of connection and the freedom of speech on the internet. So I'd like to invite anyone that's interested to participate. Thank you.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Thank you Aziz and congratulations to you too.   Have we anyone else who wants to speak?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Fatimata, this is Heidi, may I speak?

INTERPRETER: I'll try and tell her again later, sorry Heidi.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay thank you.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: So Michel, you have your hand up, go on. I think Michel's connection is lost. Heidi, you have the floor now.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Thank you Fatimata, this is Heidi. I found these comments on the AFRALO ALS activities very, very interesting. And I think that as Fadi even knew, ICANN's CEO, has said that he would like to visit At-Large ALS structures whenever he travels or when his executives travel. And as well as we now have the AFRALO strategy being developed, I think it might be useful if we could collect these activities perhaps on a monthly basis, so we can feed those to Fadi and his team for when they travel.

So perhaps one way, if you wish to do this, is if we could create a Wiki page for these activities, these AFRALO ALS activities and send it on a monthly basis for people to complete. And I'm just wondering if you think that might be a good idea. Thank you.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Fatimata speaking, thank you very much Heidi. Personally I think it's a great idea, but I would like to know what everyone else thinks.

MICHEL TCHONANG: I've just been called back so I'm not sure what just happened.

AZIZ HILALI:	I would simply like to make a comment on what Heidi just said.
FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA:	Okay Aziz, go on.
AZIZ HILALI:	Can you please repeat what she said first for Michel. In fact Heidi reminded us of what Toronto. Michel can you please mute your line. Heidi just reminded of what ICANN CEO Fadi said in Toronto, and he insisted on the importance – I'm sorry but I still hear background noises, can you hear me properly?
FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA:	Yes, I hear you loud and clear.
AZIZ HILALI:	Okay, so as I was saying, Fadi said in our Toronto meeting that he was very interested in the latest activities at the local level, and Heidi just reminded of what he said. So I suggest – I'm sorry but the background noise is too annoying. So I suggest that our colleagues from ALSes send their activities to AFRALO.
GISELLA GRUBER:	This is Gisella speaking, Aziz. Give me two seconds to see what the problem with audio is, because we cannot hear. We have just muted Baudouin, so Baudouin if you can hear us, this is Gisella, we've just muted you. Aziz, please try and speak now. I think there was some

interference from Fatimata's line, so can you please just try to start again.

AZIZ HILALI: Yes. So as I was saying, Heidi just took the floor to remind us of what Fadi said at our Toronto meeting. Fadi stressed the importance of local activities organized by ALSes. So Heidi just reminded us of that and I would like to thank her for having done so. And I would suggest, and I volunteer to do it, that we collect all the activities from ALSes, if they are willing, so that we can summarize their activities. If they can summarize their activities we can put together a document with all the activities organized by AFRALO, so that these be sent to ICANN and published on a Wiki so that people know what are activities are at local level and at ALS level. That's what I wanted to say.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Fatimata speaking, thank you Aziz for having volunteered, but I think that we don't necessarily need one volunteer. If we had a Wiki where people can directly access this information and once they log in they can enter their own activities that would be wonderful. But at the same time, you could also probably summarize those informations for everyone to see them. There are people who won't go on the Wiki and they can send it to you then.

But what Heidi proposed was that we create a Wiki so that each ALS can enter their own activities on it. Is this correct? Tijani, yes, what would you like to say?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:	I would like to support Aziz's proposal so that everyone knows what our activities are. And for the ALSes who are not familiarized with Wiki pages can get help from Aziz, who volunteered, to enter their information there also.
GISELLA GRUBER:	I'm sorry but Fatimata they've just put us on hold accidently apparently. Fatimata can you hear me? This is Gisella speaking. I'm sorry, Victor wait, hang in there for a second. We would like to see if Fatimata is back with us.
VICTOR NDONNANG:	Okay thanks Gisella, this is Victor.
GISELLA GRUBER:	While we try to get Fatimata back on the line, would Tijani or Aziz like to take the lead and the floor to Victor?
AZIZ HILALI:	Yes I agree, so Victor, go on. He's been waiting for a while, so he should get the floor now.
VICTOR NDONNANG:	Thank you Aziz. This is Victor Ndonnang speaking. I am Victor Ndonnang from ISOC Cameroon. I would like to repeat what Yaovi just said as regards to ISOC Cameroon's recent activities. We discussed this at Baku and we worked with the international communications network and local internet communities decided to follow this IGF remotely, and

to ask their own questions also. As recent activities and upcoming activities also, there will be a training in Congo November 30th, which will be with local internet and to international domain names. This training has been organized by ISOC Cameroon. We have information ready for everyone in French.

INTERPRETER: Victor's line seems to have dropped.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Are you done?

AZIZ HILALI: Go on Fatimata, we cannot waste any more time.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Okay, thank you Victor. I would like to give the floor to Michel.

MICHEL TCHONANG: Thank you Fatimata, this is Michel Tchonang. I thought everything had been said already, thank you very much. I would like to say that in terms of participating the past 8th and 9th of November, an information meeting for preparation of the World Assembly for the Standardization of Telecommunications, and for the standardization of telecommunications too. We expected to have participation from all of the community which allowed us to better prepare the work summit on telecommunications which will be held on the 3rd to the 12th of December in Dubai.

We also participated at the Internet Governance Forum in Baku last week, where we had the chance of working on the communities participation in French speaking countries. I think in the future we will have the chance of seeing the results we got from this. We also had the chance of discussing at the African States, our participation at the Internet Governance Forum, and about what happened in the past also. That in a nutshell is our past and recent activities. Thank you.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Thank you Michel. I also saw that Mohamed wanted to speak on the English channel, is that so? Mohamed if you want to speak you have the floor.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you very much Fatimata. I just wanted to give everyone a quick update about the NomCom, the person representing AFRALO at the NomCom. As you know the Nominating Committee has started in this November its application process for open positions for next year, so that this application process will be up until the ICANN meeting in Beijing. And in this year the NomCom will select three Board members and three ALAC members, and ALAC members this year, one of them will be [selected]. We'll also decide two positions for the GNSO and one position for the ccNSO.

So I would like to ask you if you know good candidates that can apply for either position from Africa or for other positions which will (inaudible) the candidates that are applying for this and the other positions as well. We can send an email out to the mailing list with the

link for more information on the NomCom, or you can just email me the contacts of the person you think would potentially like to (inaudible). It's very important that we try to spread the word to have more African candidates apply. So I want you to use your channels, spread the word and invite good candidates which (inaudible) and inform them that (inaudible) at once. Thank you.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Thank you very much Mohamed. I think we've spent too much time on this item, much more than we expected. So if you all agree, I would like to move on, because we haven't covered half of our agenda and it is possible that for the next meeting, since we will have a Wiki, it will take much less time. But I would like to congratulate all our ALSes who have organized such important activities. Now, if you're all wiling to, let's move onto item number four. Okay Yaovi, go on. There is something he would like to say.

YAOVI ATOHOUN: Thank you Fatimata, this is Yaovi. I would like to comment on what Heidi said. I would like to suggest that we be given a deadline by which we should have sent our activity lists to Aziz. Because perhaps we take the time to prepare this and then it is not used because we didn't know of a deadline. So I would like to make sure that that deadline is informed to us, a date by which we should send our information.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: This is Fatimata speaking. Thank you Yaovi for your proposal. I'm not sure whether we will have the (inaudible) for all the ALSes. I'd say that

if ALSes have been active they should be glad to share that information with us as soon as possible; whether on the Wiki or through Aziz who can have them do it on the Wiki themselves. I'm not sure whether we should say there should be a deadline. I propose that it be done as soon as possible, as perhaps Aziz can set a date by which he will say "if I have not received information by then that that's it," but I think it's a continuous process, as was the case of the Wiki which we created in Toronto where we interacted with this regarding meetings. It is still ongoing and the Toronto meeting is over.

So as I said, if we create this Wiki it will not be limited to a deadline, this will be updated as the ALSes organize activities. That's the way I see it. If someone else has another point of view please do share it. Do we all agree? Yes we all agree.

AZIZ HILALI: Can we move on?

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Yes, let's move on. I would like to go back to items for discussion, we'll be brief I think and we're going to try and spend less time that was allowed for the items concluded here. I think we have very little time to give a full report in ICANN meeting in Toronto.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you Fatimata this is Aziz speaking. It's hard to summarize a whole week in one minute, but very briefly our meeting in Toronto was very active. AFRALO organized quite a number of activities. On Sunday we

heard Fadi, ICANNs new CEO, he gave a very important speech for RALOs and for ALSes. And he encouraged us greatly and he promised a great deal that he wants ICANN to be more participant, so he wants ALSes to be at the heart of ICANN. He wants us to be trained and for our work to be as healthy as usual.

Spoke to us about his activities, he also explained his strategic plan, his budget and the plan for next year. Then on Monday we had a meeting with At-Large gTLD Working Group, and At-Large work on the new procedures that ALAC created, the UDRP. I'm sorry but Aziz's line keeps – it's very tough and it keeps interrupting him. He raised many important issues.

GISELLA GRUBER: I'm sorry to interrupt. We cannot hear you properly.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: I think he cannot hear us either. Okay, it's impossible. Fatimata speaking…

AZIZ HILALI: Am I going to fast?

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Yes it's not that, it's just that it's hard to interpret and to understand what you said.

AZIZ HILALI: We cannot mention everything that was done in Toronto in this detail. But I think we could have more of a better idea. And this will be submitted to members so that we can go faster. I'll report is online at the report on Toronto 45 activities; everything is included in the schedule. I think the most important item, AFRALO related item is we didn't hold an AFRALO African meeting as we usually do.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: We participated in other meetings.

AZIZ HILALI: Yes that's right. Let me finish.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Okay go on.

AZIZ HILALI: I would like to say what's most important at the African level. We had an African meeting on the African strategy and anyone is interested, I suggest that you come to our next meeting where we will present the report to those ALSes who could not come to Toronto and to explain to them ICANNs African strategy. And then as regards AFRALO, we also had a meeting between ICANN staff and AFRALO members regarding the formation of projects to raise awareness in African, which we'll mention at a later point today. That's it.

MICHEL TCHONANG:	I'm sorry, I just wanted to make a small suggestion regarding what Aziz said, regarding our African strategy. I think we should rather say that we will ask committee to give us someone who will be able to speak about strategy.
FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA:	Thank you very much Michel. Thank you Aziz for your report. I'm sorry to have interrupted you, but I felt you were being too specific as regards to the program. I'd like to comment that we had a meeting with Olivier regarding the dynamics and the organization of ALSes at the local level and Heidi's proposal I think fits into this point. How we can do for our ALSes. And today, I think is the right time to start addressing this issue because it is very important, it's an item on our agenda, and ALSes should participate more.

Today we have a record of participation at our meeting and I think we also have a record on ALSes activities. And we should ask ourselves what we should do to go on working in this way. I would like to thank Aziz for having someone who will introduce strategy to us. We have people who are members of these groups, of this working group on the African strategy – that's Tijani who's representing us in his official capacity. And then we have Michel who represents Central Africa. And if we really need a presentation, why not ask one of these two members to do it because they participate in the preparation of the strategy and the document that is involved. Yes Yaovi, go on. I have Yaovi, Michel and then Aziz.

YAOVI ATOHOUN: Thank you. I think if someone will make a presentation on the strategy we will not have enough time to deal with the whole of it. Maybe they should send us the link so that we can read it before hearing online, because I think we should have one document, and given that it is a very large document they will not be able to give it all the time needed; they won't take more than a quarter hour or a half hour at that. so if it's online maybe you should give us a link to the document for us to read it beforehand so that the task is easier for them.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Thank you Yaovi, that's a great proposal. Michel has the floor.

MICHEL TCHONANG: No Fatimata. I didn't want to speak, I'm sorry.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Have we any other questions? So let's move onto IGF Baku. Tijani, can you give us your account on the IGF very briefly.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes I can, can you hear me?

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Yes we can hear you very well.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay. So the IGF at Baku was a dream come true. We had always dreamt of having participation from ICANN with the community at the

IGF, and this time, that was the case, and it was done organizedly and in a coordinated manner. Our presentation went very well. it's one of the best parts of IGF because they allow us to present. I was a bit disappointed at first because there were some empty chairs in the room while as to this the hall was packed.

But when we held our meeting regarding the subject that was treated, every one joined to support us, and attendance was 10 to 15 times better than at the main session. So at the conclusion here is that people didn't stay in the halls, rather they walked round informally. So participation was very good because there was AFRALO but there was also AFRALOs workshop. We presented a very interesting subject and the discussions were very interesting.

We spoke of gTLDs, whether they're good for development or whether they're going to stop it. And then someone covered the new gTLD program and we asked for the communities comments. And we didn't have many comments, and that was what was discussed. The world saw the workshop organized by other members of the community such as Oksana, Sandra and Siva. So they organized workshops which were not done on behalf of ICANN, but on behalf of the community. And the quality of these workshops was very good.

The second level of participation was at the ICANN level, because ICANN had its own workshop. And they also did a wonderful job. And finally, my participation at IGF I think our participation gave ICANN more credibility. And we got the chance of discussing, as a community, this forum. And I think it was the best IGF ever, because we were done covering ICANN. This time it wasn't that we had to make pretend

anything, we could discuss openly. We could discuss who we are. And so we gave greater value to other sessions and workshops, and we opened the floor to participants who do not belong to ICANN, and that was very interesting too.

So as a participant I was very glad to see that there were many people. I hope that it will be better organized the next time. That's it.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Thank you very much Tijani, this is Fatimata speaking. I had some reservations, I had no doubt that it would go very swiftly. That as usual I hope we will have a report that we can publish on our site. That's the way we're used to doing things. Thank you very much. If we have questions we should do it online because we have to move on. Let's move to Association for Promotion and Development of Internet in [Chad].

Do you remember that they had asked to be accredited as ALSes, to be recognized? We had to read all the statements and check that all statements on the documents were not fake.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Fatimata, I cannot hear you anymore. Hello? Fatimata, we cannot hear you anymore. Her line has dropped. Aziz, are you there? Okay, this is Tijani. What Fatimata was saying was that this request was not convincing because some aspects did not match, it was not consistent. This association called ATPDIT submitted documents which were not genuine, so we thought something wasn't right.

So we asked the staff to ask them a number of questions that we had prepared and we still haven't received a reply. But someone says that ISOC Chadis being restricted. And so the people who submitted this request RALO would like to do it once again once ISOC has been restructured. So it's up to us to decide whether or not because they have not submitted a request through ISOC. So if they do request this again I think we should consider what we will do.

Fatimata, Aziz are you there? Fatimata?

AZIZ HILALI: This is Aziz speaking. Yes I would like to take the floor.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Can you hear me?

AZIZ HILALI: Yes we can hear you Fatimata.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: This is Fatimata, can you hear me?

AZIZ HILALI: Yes we can hear you Fatima. This is Aziz speaking. As regards this request, this application – can I go on? From the information I get, the ISOC Chad is under restructuring so we should better reject the request and wait for the Chad to be restructured and rebuilt before we accept that request.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: This is Fatimata speaking. I agree with what Aziz said. Because everything was based, centered around…

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I agree.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: We should re-examine it once ISOC Chad is underway once again. Does everyone agree or do we have any objections?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: No I agree, but I would like you to repeat.

VICTOR NDONNANG: There are no possible objections, but if we have no means to verify in Chad we cannot do it. Isn't there anyone in Chad who can check on the information these people are giving us?

SPEAKER: Thank you as regards to checking that information, we saw that it took time. We've been discussing this ALS for months, not the ALS but the application. But in any event, can anyone give us comments on them?

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: No.

INTERPRETER:	There is silence on the line, and Fatimata has apparently dropped again.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:	Can't we ask people to give comments regarding this application online so that the people who are not present here with us today can give us their advice and their opinion? Can you hear me?

AZIZ HILALI:	I don't agree because I think the decision here is clear. We cannot accept this application as it is. I suggest that we reject it and that once ISOC Chad is back on its feet we will ask them to submit their application again. Because this, as I understand, these people submitted an application as an ALS based on an ISOC Chad which does not exist anymore. I suggest that we reject it and that we ask once the ISOC is back on as a Chad that we ask them who these people are.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA:	So we will decide now. Does anyone not agree? I think that Victor was against this. Is there anyone else who would like to say this, who does not agree with Aziz's suggestion? Okay, if everyone agrees then we will move on. We're going to reject this application and wait for ISOC Chad to be back on its feet. Okay? Next item, I wonder whether we'll be able to cover all items today. We have the Rules of Procedure Drafting Group, the African Strategy Working Group, At-Large New gTLD Review Group – we have many items. I don't think we'll be able to cover all the agenda today.

I suggest that we skip some of the items. The rules of procedures, African Strategy Working Group – we have one minute for each. So ALAC Rules of Procedure Working Group, the African Strategy Working Group should have one minute. So Tijani, you have the floor. I will take a minute myself to discuss At-Large New gTLD Review Group.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Fatimata, can I do African Strategy Working Group now? I think training is as important as everything else. I'm sorry Fatimata, but we cannot hear you.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Tijani, you have the floor on the African Strategy Working Group.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I'm sorry but I could not understand what you said Fatimata. Can you hear me? Can you hear me Fatimata, or not? This cannot be.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: I'm sorry Tijani, I cannot hear you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I'm sorry Fatimata; I did not hear what you said. But if you want me to do something please say something.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: I want you to briefly discuss the African Strategy Working Group.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:	Okay yes, briefly. The strategy is online. There were comments period with the community regarding the final version, and everyone agreed. I think you're all up to date here. The only thing I can say is that ICANN has drafted a statement in which it agrees and they drafted an agreement with AfriNIC for it to be available in Africa. They started with Ivory Coast; they will implement this service in Ivory Coast. That's all. Fatimata, did you hear me?
FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA:	Yes, thank you. Is that it?
TIJANI BEN JEMAA:	Yes that's it. I have nothing further to say. Not today.
MICHEL TCHONANG:	This is Michel speaking. I would like to say that I agree with Tijani.
FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA:	Thank you very much. As regards to ALAC Review Rules of Procedure Drafting Group, we decided to create a group, the At-Large New gTLD Review Group, we decided to draft a document and we would like to know whether ALAC will have objections or not regarding the two comments they received; particularly internet New Zealand. So basically this will be published online. Most people say that an objection from ALAC is not the end of the world because it's up to ICANN to assign names and numbers and domain names.

And then we would like to know whether someone thinks that it should be approved, and so we should ask ourselves how to keep it private. This debate started here today and I will give the floor to Tijani.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: What do you want me to speak about Fatimata; new gTLDs? Is that so? Fatimata? What do you want me to speak about?

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: I want you to speak about the prioritization of the new gTLD applications from developing countries as we did a moment ago, in one minute.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay. As you know, ICANN has proposed to prioritize applications for new gTLDs. They wanted to do it objectively. And since they can admit maybe two applications in one year because there is an issue, so they suggest that we start doing it but we cannot start them both. So they decided to give priority to IDN requests. ALAC had welcome that initiative, but when we met with the Board we did say that we agreed with prioritizing IDNs, but we said that developing countries should also be a priority. Because all gTLDs at this point come from developed countries, and there's only a very small percentage in this initiative corresponding to our region.

So we asked that developing countries application be taken as a priority. And so submitted this proposal to ALAC and ALAC accepted that, and so we asked them to prioritize applications from developing countries too.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Thank you Tijani. Do you want to discuss the strategic plan quickly or not?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: No Fatimata, I think we can skip it.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Great. So we'll move onto training of strategic planning. So for building capacity we asked that ICANN fund or support these trainings, these capacity building sessions and to give us the call to build capacity at another level. We would like to work better. We saw that after the capacity session in Dakar, we didn't have as much participation from ALSes as we wanted.

Now that ICANN is open we organized a meeting and last time there were but three people, whereas there were five people from ICANN and us, as ALSes, were worth three. There was Tijani, Adetokunbo and myself. What we would like to do is to hold it instead of doing it online, I would like to suggest, Aziz, since there was response and respected to publish it online and to have a Wiki, we would like to collect this request for capacity building sessions and to propose them to staff members who are willing to work with us. That was one first comment I would make.

And then honestly, I felt shame. Because we scheduled that session and it seemed that it did not interest. But now that we see that there is reaction, we think that maybe the organization of the meeting was at

best, let's say it was done at the last minute. So maybe it was a matter of anticipation. Maybe I think we should reopen this discussion and see whether there's interest, and we could see this through the reaction of our members.

Now I would very briefly like to hear your suggestions regarding capacity building sessions. The involvement of the ALSes is much more important yet, and I would also like to hear you discuss that second item. What do you think went wrong? What works? What is done? What are your recommendations? I would like to hear what your priorities are and what you suggest we do, but also how you would like to do it. Tijani, go on. Thank you.

I think it would be (inaudible) for us to know what interests you or what doesn't. We held (inaudible) as well in Dakar. We wanted to see what the issues or the items that interested you were, which ones did not interest you, and also, if there is any other subject which we've not dealt with in which you are interested. Tijani? I think he is offline, his line has dropped.

YAOVI ATOHOUN: Hi, this is Yaovi, I would like to take the floor.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Yes go on Yaovi, because I think Tijani has dropped.

YAOVI ATOHOUN: Thank you. I suggest that since we have other ways of interacting, I would like to ask you to send an email on this subject asking for our

comments. And I would like for you to take into account that we have many connectivity issues, so that should be taken into account before we organize virtual capacity building sessions. It should not necessarily be done in real time, but we could post these sessions on time so that we see them. The more we organize these sort of meetings the more we see what our difficulties are regarding connectivity.

So I suggest that you send us an email asking us to give our comments of our opinions. Thank you.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Thank you Yaovi. I will forward that email to you. This will be the third time I do it. I will forward it to you once again asking for comments. The deadline we had extended was yesterday, but in any event. As regards to the restructuring of African countries and their connectivity, this will be taken into account too. We did discuss this in Toronto in detail, and our trainer was there to as well to discuss this. Is Tijani back with us?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Can you hear me?

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Yes we can hear you. Okay so, is everyone okay with Yaovi's suggestion? Does everyone agree? Can I speak? I would like everyone who didn't comment to do so. Someone did do so. Alioune Diop from Senegal is here; who else would like to speak? Who is it that would like to speak? Okay, go on Baudouin.

BAUDOUIN SCHOMBE: I had a hard time following the discussion, but I think it will be easier to do it online. I will do it tomorrow.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Okay thank you very much. Is everyone still with us because we will come to the end of the meeting in a moment? Let me tell you we expect to get comments from you regarding capacity building sessions and virtual capacity building sessions particularly. Okay let's say you have until Friday to do so. So next Friday, at the latest, everyone will have submitted their comments.

So I ask you to allow me to prioritize Dakar's capacity building sessions according what interests you and what does not, but I would also like you to suggest any other subject which is important to you that you would like to include. If everyone agrees we will adjourn this session, unless you have any other pressing subjects that you would like to mention. Are there any? Okay, Monday is good – Yaovi?

YAOVI ATOHOUN: I would just like to say that I posted on Adobe a link which has the current version of a draft on the rules of procedure; that's a draft which you were asking for. The link… It's not published on myicann.org, myicann.org was not mentioned. I also put that link that is easily accessible for all of us, it's user friendly and you can all log in and set it up to have the version that you would like to see of ICANN and to have the information which interests you from ICANN. Thank you.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Thank you very much. I would like to add a third item. A capacity building space was created and that link has also been posted on Adobe Connect. So you can also post your comments there regarding capacity building sessions. The link is on Adobe Connect, okay? Tijani is back. We were about to finish the meeting.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes this is Tijani. I was wondering whether Yaovi mentioned MyICANN. Okay good. So what's also important before we finish Fatimata is the involvement of ALSes. We really need them to participate. In Baku we discussed the fact that every time that someone goes to a country they should contact the local ALSes, which will give us more presence and it will also force us to be online, to be visible, so that when someone from ICANN comes to our country they find active ALSes, which are what make up ICANN.

So please do this. ICANN will contact ALSes as they travel, so get ready. And then we have to be active, we have to be present in our countries.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Thank you Tijani for having reminded us of this. Thank you very much. I hope you have all understood this. I hoop Aziz is back.

AZIZ HILALI: Yes I'm back.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA:	I would like to thank you all. You were complaining about the quality of the phones today, is that so?
AZIZ HILALI:	Yes but I tried.
FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA:	Okay I hope Gisella heard. Okay so, this meeting has come to an end and I thank everyone for having taken part. I hope you can still hear me, and goodbye. Thank you Heidi, Gisella and Silvia. Thank you, bye. Titi, say hello to your baby for me.

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