

GISELLA GRUBER: So we have Janvier Ngnoulaye, Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Tijani Ben Jemaa, Fatimata Seye Sylla, Yaovi Atohoun, Dave Kissoondoyal, Etienne Tshishimbi, Alioune Traore, Aziz Hilali, Alioue Diop. And we have apologizing Baudouin Schombe, Hadja Ouattara. And from staff we have staff we have Heidi, Natalie and Gisella. And the interpreters are Camila and Claire. Pierre is also here on the English channel, Pierre Dandjinou.

Please tell your name before speaking so the interpreters can know who is speaking and it is important for the transcription, too. And please speak slowly so the interpreters can work. Okay, thank you Tijani. You have the floor.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay, thank you Gisella – Tijani speaking. Okay, now I'm going to move directly to the third item because we are late. For the consultations, there are nine consultations open. There are the links and the dates on the AFRALO website so no problem. I want to go on because Pierre is taking part of this teleconference and Pierre has a lot of work, so we don't want to lose time.

So we go on and we move to the third item. It's about an event which is going to take place. Pierre is going to speak to us about that. Hello Pierre, how are you? Pierre, can you hear us? Yes? Thank you.

PIERRE DANDJINOU: Okay, good evening. Thank you for giving me the floor.

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TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Is Pierre speaking? We can't understand very well. Who is speaking?

GISELLA GRUBER: Gisella speaking. Pierre, we are having problems hearing you. Pierre, are you speaking in French?

PIERRE DANDJINO: I was saying thank you for inviting me and thank you, Aziz, to give me the floor. There are some issues about development in Africa. And we are thinking about that. There is another event beginning the other day. The participants are the registrars and the registries. They are...

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Pierre, Gisella is asking for the floor.

GISELLA GRUBER: Pierre, I'm sorry – Gisella speaking. We have a problem with your line. It is very difficult to understand; the interpreters are not understanding what you are saying so please hang up and we are going to call you again in a minute, please.

PIERRE DANDJINO: Okay.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay, Tijani speaking. Okay, the staff is going to call Pierre again and we are going to move to the third item of the agenda, recent and upcoming activities of ALAC. Titi is not here so Yaovi, you have the floor.

GISELLA GRUBER: Tijani, it's Gisella speaking, Titi is on the English channel.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: So if Titi is here, Titi, you have the floor. Titi, can you hear? Would you like to take the floor now? Hi Titi, we cannot hear you.

GISELLA GRUBER: This is Gisella speaking. Titi is not replying so I will let you know if she replies again.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Good, okay, this is Tijani. Can you, Yaovi, please give us an update on ALAC's recent activities?

YAOVI ATOHOUN: Yes, this is Yaovi speaking, I hope you can hear me properly. So as regards ALAC's recent activities there were several discussions on the statements regarding public comment periods and so we're going to analyze certain items, whether they're statements or discussions and so forth at the ALAC level. We're also going to analyze the program to see what happens.

We also created a new working group; it's the ATRT2 which will deal with contracts in the commercial department. So there's representatives from different groups from ICANN which will be participating. So as regards ALAC, there was a small committee which tries to validate the work done, for instance some measures are not combined with ALAC and so there's people from ALAC who are contesting this in the name of ALAC.

So there is a working group from ALAC which addresses the people who made recommendations to ALAC, but ALAC agreed to send a statement at the ICANN level. So you'll see there's some candidates or some applicants from ALAC but there was also other applicants who do not belong to ALAC. So there's this working group which we've already mentioned but there's also a second working group at the ICANN level, such as this working group which deals with participation and which organizes activities constantly. So it doesn't belong to ALAC itself but it does communicate with ALAC.

So that's what we've been working on lately. Thank you very much.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you, Yaovi, this is Tijani. Okay, now I think Pierre is going to address us because he's been called back.

PIERRE DANDJINO:

Yes, I'm ready. Okay, so I want to speak about two stages. The first stage will be a workshop on registries and the people from the registries. So they will discuss and bring to the table their problems and their issues, and we'll deal with the marketing itself of DNSes and the

problem was at the level of the registrar/registry relationship. And we tried to establish a plan to promote this relationship between both. Then on February 6 at 13:00 we will be having lunch and then we will be having a dinner also on that same day – that’s the second event we’ve organized. So all this will be aimed at the DNS sector.

And so for the Plenary, we expect to implement it and you’ll see we have four groups – the one for DNSes, and that’s where the people with Africa is, AFRALO, will be meeting because they will all be attending that dinner. And so in a second stage we will also deal with DNSes but as regards the African sector so at the business level, so that’s for business constituencies and we will try to reach out to them so that we can all work together with these professionals.

We have a question on DNSSEC and its security which will be dealt with by the African sector, and then in the fourth stage we will be dealing with capacity building. That’s still open but we won’t deal with ISOC or with the African Telecommunications Union at the IGF in Africa. We will try to establish a roadmap for AFRALO to be able to prepare their sessions. So that’s all four stages and the four sessions which we will be organizing at the same time for the Plenary, and so we will be having a number of debates and a number of forums to be able to reach out to them and be clear.

We will be working on the platform for the business plenary and domain names, and so we’re trying to work with as many people as possible to invite everyone we can from the international scenario and this has been confirmed. As regards participants, we expect to consolidate the participation from about 40 people which of course includes people

from AFRALO. In any event we have participation from all these constituents and we would like to give priority to those people who are in charge of registries.

So that's pretty much all. I think the invitations should be sent to AFRALO people; I think you will receive it shortly and you will most likely be invited of course. And we will begin to work on this.

Now, as regards our travel to these we have visa issues and we're having a hard time sending our passports. The African Union would like to attend and we're receiving assistance from ICANN, so we're dealing with all these passport details for visas to be given as people come in. There's a website which should pretty much give us an idea of the current situation. It is not at the personal level but that's all the information we have. This is where we have the most information in fact.

That's about it and so you will surely find a top level with certain people from the African Union and the Commissioner and the Secretary, the General Secretary update. So that's our current standpoint and it's just a Plenary in Africa, that's why we're working so much; and we've put it together in two months which hasn't been exactly easy but in any case we're doing our best. So I'm ready to take any questions you may have.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you very much, Pierre. This was extremely clear. I'd like to say that we have asked AFRALO to participate and I hope they will respond accordingly. I feel this is an important event because it relates to the implementation of ICANN in Africa and our deployment, and it

comprehends a whole number of aspects. And everyone should go to Dubai. There will be a number of meetings to organize that so it's very important that we maintain discussion at the end of this meeting.

I think you've given us a very good picture of what the situation is. It was very complete and so if anyone has any questions please raise your hands so that we can move on. And let me just say that we will go on collaborating with you and working together so that this event is a success. Does anyone have any questions for Pierre? Yes Pierre, go on.

PIERRE DANDJINO:

This is Pierre speaking. Before we go any further I just wanted to say that I would like to say to AFRALO, for instance, that we will be organizing an event which might be of interest to them. And we will be working with some countries, different countries, to see how we can work with each of them to see how the different players meet the representatives of the sector.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Tijani speaking. Yes, I've seen that you put AFRALO in the first message. I think it's okay. We can work with capacity building; we have a lot of experience in that area.

PIERRE DANDJINO:

Capacity building, what you put in the agenda you didn't think about the end users.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: The end users, we can work on the end users if we add another presentation on capacity building for the end user. It should be very good because we have a lot of experience in that area.

PIERRE DANDJINO: Okay, no problem. Yes, we are going to confirm that with the AFRALO representatives.

HAWA DIAKITE: I have a question for Pierre.

GISELLA GRUBER: Gisella speaking. Hawa has a question.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Hawa, you have the floor. Hawa, you have the floor. Hawa, can you hear us? Hawa, do you hear us? Hawa is not answering. Hawa is typing. Gisella, is Hawa on the bridge?

GISELLA GRUBER: Tijani, I'm trying to check that Hawa is online. Just a minute, please. Tijani, Hawa is disconnected. We are going to call her again, to call her back.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay, are there any other questions for Pierre? Okay, Aziz is saying that we can wish him good work. Okay, there is a question from Olivier. Olivier, you have the floor.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Tijani, Olivier speaking. Pierre, thank you very much for your presentation. It was very interesting and it's really a pleasure to see that there is a lot of movement to promote the multi-stakeholder system. I think it's very important so I hope that you will really have a good result for this meeting. A question about the AFRALO participation: I see that AFRALO and some members of AFRALO have worked, they have made very important work to prepare this meeting and work on the issues. How many AFRALO members are going to receive funds to participate?

PIERRE DANDJINOU: Well, I think there are one or two persons, two or three persons – three people, yes, there are three people which were proposed to receive some funding with the [SBLD], ccTLDs – there are 35 seats free in that meeting for those persons.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, Olivier speaking again. It was just to preserve the equilibrium among, the balance among the different players. It's very important. It was just to remind you of the importance of this balance among the different actors or players, thank you.

GISELLA GRUBER: This is Gisella. Tijani, we have a question from Etienne Tshishimbi. He has no microphone so he is writing it in the Adobe Connect.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: “I’d like to know if we can make a presentation to improve the youth participation.” It’s a question for you, Pierre.

PIERRE DANDJINO: Yes, the youth participation about multi-stakeholder model, yes?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, in this multi-stakeholder model.

PIERRE DANDJINO: Okay, why not? Why not? I think it’s a good idea. I’m going to send it to the friend of the ITF. You can propose different people so and I’m going to send it to the different partners we have for this meeting. ICANN has an exceptional [stance] and the partners are trying to see who in the AFRALO group can work there and be in contact with the other partners to prepare the agenda.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: There is another question from Wilson Abigaba, asking if there will be remote participation and if that is the case, what is the URL?

PIERRE DANDJINO: It’s a good question. We don’t know what is going to happen but there is going to be remote participation. We are working on that but technically we don’t know, but we are going to inform you. Don’t worry. Another question?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Are there any other questions?

GISELLA GRUBER: This is Gisella. Tijani, Hawa is back so we are going to try to give her the floor.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Hawa, are you there? Hawa?

HAWA DIAKITE: Yes, Tijani, I'm here – Hawa speaking. Can you hear me?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, yes very well. Just ask your question, Hawa.

HAWA DIAKITE: Yes, I have a question. I think it's a very good initiative, a very good idea – we need that meeting. But I would like to know if we are going to work with different languages.

PIERRE DANDJINO: It's a good question. There will be translation services, French into English and English into French. It's a lot of money but it's important so I'll take care of that. I'm sorry?

HAWA DIAKITE: It's expensive but thanks to the translation we can participate.

PIERRE DANDJINOU: Yes, of course, that's for sure.

HAWA DIAKITE: I hope the [Mali's] representative will be there because there are a lot of problems in Mali now.

PIERRE DANDJINOU: Yes, yes, you are right.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Pierre – Tijani speaking – about the language problem, I've seen that the documents are in English. Are you going to translate those documents in French because as you know, the African community speaks French.

PIERRE DANDJINOU: Yes, we are translating those documents into French. The program, the agenda is in French already. Sorry?

HAWA DIAKITE: Can you send us the documents you have already translated in French so we can study those documents and know what we are going to address during the meeting?

PIERRE DANDJINOU: Okay, no problem. We can do that.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay, Tijani speaking. If there are no other questions we are going to say goodbye to Pierre and thanks a lot, Pierre, for your cooperation. It's the second time we've called you since you are the President and you are very helpful. It's really good. We have a good communication between you and us and a good willing. Thank you for your help. If you want to stay you can stay; if you want to go away, it's okay.

PIERRE DANDJINO: Thank you. I have a lot of work to do so I'll say bye-bye.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you, see you soon Bye-bye, Pierre. Tijani speaking. Okay, so Pierre has gone so if Fatimata is here I'm going to give her the floor and the leadership of the teleconference. If she's not here I'm going to continue.

The next item of the agenda is the next activities. There is a new working group on capacity building and training. This group is taking importance and AFRALO is very well represented in this group. There is Yaovi, myself, Fatimata, so I think it's a very important group for us because the African community needs a lot of capacity building. So this work is very, very important for us.

So, and there is the Rules of Procedure that are coming to an end with the different Drafting Teams which are working on the last draft to have the new Rules of Procedure and adopt them before Beijing. What can I tell you about that? I think I am finished.

ALAC is also working on the Beijing meeting as usual as in all the international meetings, the global meetings of ICANN. So the agenda of At-Large is almost finished and we have the last version of the agenda.

Recent activities of AFRALO members, we can skip that part but if we see the website of AFRALO, there is not a lot of work down. And the new President of ALAC wants to know the ALSes and their activities, so we have to work and put all the results of our work on this website.

So now we are going to move to the Item #4, Items for Information.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Tijani, it's Olivier speaking.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Olivier, I'm sorry, yes, you want to have the floor. Okay, Olivier, you have the floor.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thank you Tijani – Olivier speaking. Just something I wanted to add. This is clear, that if we had some information on this Wiki page it would help a lot the At-Large staff to inform our President when he's traveling. The CEO is going to travel for a few months to meet the main players of the internet and of ICANN, so if you have some information on your ALS and if the CEO comes to your country he won't know how to contact you and you won't have the opportunity to meet him. It's a pity, so I think it's the main reason why you have to post information on these Wiki pages.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, Olivier, you are right. Aziz wants to have the floor. Aziz?

AZIZ HILALI: I just sent the web address so people know where to post their comments. I just posted two days ago information on an activity that we are organizing with my ALS.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay, thank you very much, Aziz. Are there any other comments on that item? Hawa, do you want to speak? You are asking for the floor? Hawa? Okay, Hawa is not there so we are going to move to the next item, Items for Information.

The Multi-Stakeholder Internet Governance event... Okay, this is [Meli]. We go back to the event that- Okay, Pierre just told us about this event so we can move to the next item, Item #2. Yaovi, you have the floor.

YAOVI ATOHOUN: Yaovi speaking. On the Drafting Teams in the ALAC ROP, as Tijani said we are organizing the last meetings. There will be two other meetings, tomorrow and on Friday. So the four groups are working on the Rules of Procedure and we are going to have the opportunity during the next meeting to give you the main items regarding the old Rules of Procedure as they were drafted before.

And the object of this working group is to have a good idea of the Rules of Procedures and of ALAC Rules of Procedures that will be adopted by ALAC in April. So during the next meeting, during the next teleconference I am going to speak to you about this work and we are going to outline the difference between the two Rules of Procedures. Through the Wiki we are going to send you some information on the final draft of the Rules of Procedure. That's all.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you very much, Yaovi – Tijani speaking. So now we are going to move to the next item of the Item #4, At-Large New gTLD Review Group on ALAC application objections. Fatimata and Aziz are members of this group. Aziz, you have the floor.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you, Tijani, this is Aziz speaking. I cannot hear you very well and I'm not up to date exactly because I missed the last meeting and Fatimata was there. So actually I think we should move on.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Good, okay, so can you just give us a brief summary, and will you send it later on?

AZIZ HILALI:

Yes, that's it.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Alright, well then we'll move on to the Capacity Building Working Group. And we've mentioned this already. So this Capacity Building Working Group was created and we were working with Sala who was leading this Working Group, and I'm proud to be a member of this committee. I am there as an AFRALO representative. I don't know what was said previously but this Capacity Building Working Group feels it is necessary to organize these sessions for the whole of ICANN because this working group has the goal of providing information and we would like to facilitate the tools to be used in this training and to provide the proper training. And once all that has been done it will become a part of the ICANN Academy, and the Academy will implement these trainings.

Unfortunately the Academy is not working yet, it is not fully functional, so it will be up to us to work on the implementation and the creation of these capacity building sessions. This Working Group thinks that by sharing information and looking for and asking for contributions, and we tried to understand what ALSes needed. These have almost been completed. We did it up to two weeks ago and then we moved on to strategy and the way to do it. In the same breath, we've also had some recent breakthroughs. ALAC has decided to hold an information meeting on WHOIS and I will not go into detail as regards the training on WHOIS. And ALAC saw that we had a great lack of communication within our At-Large community. So this is clearly an issue for ALAC as well of course.

APRALO also held its own capacity building sessions and so APRALO members have almost completed their Fellowship Program and this course that they had organized but then they saw that it wasn't enough.

And so we had of course contributed with them with regards to our experience in Dakar which was the first ever capacity building sessions to be organized but as we speak we are still working on the Fellowship training. I think we should foresee both to be able to organize these training sessions.

That's a brief outlook on what we've done lately in the Working Group. Are there any questions? I see that Olivier is raising his hand.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, thank you Tijani. This is Olivier speaking for the transcript record. I would like to thank you, dear colleague. This was a wonderful summary. I was 99.9% sure that you need to be corrected as regards ICANN Academy because in fact it is still working and it's working at the same time as we are, although separately, but they're organizing their own capacity building session. It's several programs that will be developed at the same time and which we hope to be able to connect one day so that they can be assembled into one. We'll see in what direction each of these groups advances but ICANN's Academy is still functional and advancing.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you, Olivier, for your correction. I am a member of the ICANN Academy Working Group and I hope that it goes on working. I am following the work closely and I know that they have created a pilot program for the ICANN Academy but the final agenda for the Academy will contribute their greatest efforts to ICANN – that's to say that the Academy will be the means to train everyone who joins ICANN. But

within the pyramid we are all integrated; that's to say we're all part of this pyramid.

We're very concerned by this pilot program, even more so than by the structure of the Academy itself. So we will not be able to entrust the Academy with the implementation of capacity building sessions. That's all I wanted to say, in fact. All the same I thank you very much, Olivier, for your correction.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: I would like to add something, Tijani – this is still Olivier for the transcript record. You're absolutely right but there has been a slight change which has taken place since the ICANN Academy was started up, because ICANN's point of view has changed and there will be a new person leading this project and there's also a new person in charge of the global stakeholder engagement. So there's new persons to improve participation and engagement for ICANN. So that's a whole other capacity building program which will be implemented. I hope and I think it is likely to happen. There will be some changes in their MO and there may as well be new energies contributed into this program. This will change the way both programs connect, but I hope – and it depends on our community – I hope that they'll both function together so that in this synergy we can reach the best results possible. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay yes, thank you very much, Olivier. We're mentioning this matter of synergy and I think it is very important as we saw and mentioned in Baku. Sandra Hoferichter and this group and I started working on this

together. If there are no other questions or comments on this item we will move on to the 5th item which is Items for Discussion.

The first sub-item is the invitation to the ICANN CEO Fadi Chehadé for a teleconference with AFRALO. This subject has already been discussed among us, knowing of course that Fadi wishes to get to know the RALOs and the ALSes and the At-Large community better. We have felt this will of his to interact with the community. I think as Africans, as an African RALO we would be lucky to host Fadi Chehadé at one of our meetings. But we would like to get him to know what concerns us, what issues concern us and I'm sure he would like to know that, too.

There's an answering machine interrupting the call right now... Okay, so that's pretty much the item. Have you any other points of views that you would like to add? What do you think of this?

GISELLA GRUBER: Gisella speaking. Tijani I'm sorry, Heidi is raising her hand.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay, thank you Gisella. Heidi, please go on.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Thank you, Tijani. Just a comment, a suggestion for the call with Fadi. Perhaps it would be very useful if we could also invite Sally Costerton since she's dealing with Stakeholder Engagement, David Olive as he is dealing with the stakeholder engagements for the Advisory Committees and perhaps Pierre as Vice President for the African Region. So perhaps

a call could lead to even greater connections between all of those very important staff members for AFRALO.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you very much, Heidi. I hear you clearly. I know Fadi has not forgotten what he promised, and I think that Sally could also be a useful addition. It's a very good idea and I think we should also invite her then to this conference call. Are there any other comments? Okay, seeing as there are no other comments.... So Hawa I think is asking for the floor. She's raised her hand. You have the floor, Hawa, please go on. We're still not receiving any audio from Hawa. Hawa, we cannot hear you.

Okay, it seems that Hawa is not there so we should move on to the next item, and that is Virtual Capacity Building for ALSes. Aziz, would you like to take over here?

AZIZ HILALI:

Yes, thank you Tijani. I'll try my best to do this. We launched this operation in Toronto I think it was at a meeting with ICANN staff. We discussed it and in fact it's simply more of what we've been doing since Dakar. This has completed this face-to-face training that we held at Dakar and the idea here is to organize virtual training because we saw that a one-week period to train was not enough. And some people completed a survey and said that they didn't think it was sufficient, and we asked them what they thought about this training that we had organized in Dakar and they said it would be useful to have virtual capacity building sessions to be able to go into greater detail as regards

some of the subjects; and it would help participants to approach ICANN's policies and work better.

I've already seen this issue and this subject and I've discussed it with Tijani many times, and I would like to know what the rest of our colleagues from the ALSes think. And of course if you have questions I hope I'll be able to answer them.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Aziz, your audio has gone out. Are you still there? This is Tijani speaking, I cannot hear you any longer. Hello, Aziz? Okay, Aziz seems to have disconnected. I'll go on then so that what Aziz just said, he introduced virtual capacity building sessions and virtual trainings. We would like to know the comments and contributions from ALSes. We have received of course some comments from ALSes but we will go on asking for their contributions and along with ICANN staff we will work together to try and receive more of these contributions to set up an agenda and to go on working as much as possible.

We do not want to relax as regards this issue, we want to be constant. We will go on and we will use what we have learned so far to establish an agenda which ALSes will benefit from and which will be useful of course for the community and the African community particularly. It is very important for us to train people. And I'd like to say that it is most likely that there will be an At-Large Summit in London and all ALSes are of course invited to come if they're interested in this training. And if they come to this Summit to try to understand and to simply listen it'll still be good. We need to hold this training session so that people learn, so that they can engage and participate.

We have to work on ALSes' engagement so we wish that all ALSes will engage actively. It is paramount to us. Otherwise there is no point in us going to London. If we're simply going to take a look around there is no point in organizing any event so please do participate. So virtual capacity building is also a very important point for us. There's an answering machine again interrupting the call... Alright, in any event I insist, do come, take part, take your place and participate, engage actively in this training session. In doing so you will also be able to participate in ICANN's development of policies. If you do not come you won't be able to participate in the PDP.

I see a number of hands raised and Yaovi is first, please Yaovi, you have the floor.

YAOVI ATOHOUN:

Thank you, Tijani. As regards virtual capacity building, I think it won't be as good as a face-to-face training. I like that we work not only on technology but also to have a good connection, internet connection. There are some people that want to work on training but we must work on connection, too. If we have no connection we can't participate to the teleconference or to the virtual training for example. So it is very important. We need to give more importance to this virtual training and we need to speak about important things as the way to improve our connections at the local level to have a better connection and to improve our work with this virtual training.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you, Yaovi. I agree with you. I can tell you that the virtual training is not only on.... Wait a minute please for me to give you the floor. But the virtual training is not only a training on connection, on internet connection. There are different tools that we can use. There are also the email classes, not only the online classes – we are going to use all the tools we have to work with Africa, with the African community. And I'd like to listen to all your ideas, please, just send me your ideas. Okay, Victor, you have the floor.

VICTOR NDONNANG: Hello, good evening. This is Victor speaking. Tijani, I was asking you a question and I had a problem with my connection, but I would like to know what is the difference between the mission of the ICANN Academy and the virtual training for the ALSes. What is the difference between the two things because we are working on capacity building and who is doing what? I would like to have some clarification about that.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay, the ICANN Academy is working on only one subject – this is the training of the newcomers, the new officers, the new ALAC members, the new Board members for example, the new ALS members. It is a program that the staff asked us to realize, to do so we are going to work on that ICANN Academy for the next AGM. Now as Olivier said some minutes ago, Fadi is working as the CEO and there are a lot of changes so we don't know which way we are going to go. I hope we are going to receive some good news soon but the ICANN Academy currently is not operating on this kind of activity.

The object of the ICANN Academy that it is going to be the training place for all the members of ALAC, so when there are needs for training the ICANN Academy is going to provide it. We don't know how it is going to work because of the new CEO. We don't know how this is going to be implemented but normally if the ICANN Academy begins to work and as it was imagined at the beginning the virtual training is going to work with the tools, with the different techniques. And this Academy is not finished, it's not working yet. It's just working on one [program] that I mentioned so currently the Academy is not able to do all the work, all the training work. Did I answer your question?

VICTOR NDONNANG:

Yes, yes, thank you very much, Tijani, it's okay. I'd like to ask to add a comment that I made in Toronto. There are some initiatives between the different organizations of the internet governance. There are some trainings given to understand better the different stakeholders of the internet. It was made by the Internet Society and there is a training platform online, and I asked in Toronto for ICANN to make a partnership to use this platform. If it is necessary we can modify the training in itself but it's a comment I wanted to do.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Okay, it's a good question and it's a good proposal but I want to tell you that the training we want to do for the ALSes has some clear goals. We need to understand the mission, the way ICANN is functioning, the policies of ICANN – these are very important issues and this is our concern, because we want our ALSes to be coming, to participate actively into the work of the policies in ICANN. So the training on

internet governance are useful of course and we are going to speak about internet governance in our training but we need specifically to work on other issues. I understood that you want to use this platform, it's okay. We are going to discuss with them if they have another platform that we can use. It's okay if they prefer to use the ISOC platform it's okay, it's okay too. So we are going to see. Did I answer your question?

VICTOR NDONNANG: Yes, Tijani, thank you very much.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay, if there are no other questions we are going to move to the next item. This is the AFRALO/AfrICANN joint meeting in Beijing. Beijing is getting nearer so we need to listen to the different suggestions of the subjects you want to address during the Beijing meeting. The suggestion that was important was for development support and a consent for this development support. So we can propose this item to the African community of ICANN and once this will be adopted we will have to train, to form a Drafting Team to work and to adopt the different subjects for the Beijing meeting.

Are there any questions or comments, any comments on this item?
Okay, if there are no other... Victor?

VICTOR NDONNANG: Yes, just a comment, Tijani, just a comment. I'm sorry but I'm not seeing the new proposal of the subjects. I've not received that email. I

wanted to know the subjects of the creation of a forum, it was discussed before the Toronto meeting. And what I proposed through the list, through the mailing list is that the ICANN strategy for Africa should be known. There is a framework for implementation and I proposed to choose some subjects to work with the implementation line so we will stick to the ICANN ideals related to the work in Africa. I think a draft was sent with proposals for activities of our projects to implement in Africa before June, 2013. So we have to choose some subjects that will be related to this framework.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Okay, Victor, Tijani speaking. You are right. We need to follow the way of the implementation of the African recommendations, and one of those recommendations is just about that. So we have to play, we are here to push and to help. So I think if we work well with this [fund] we are going to help Pierre and his team so they will be able to implement this plan, and we are going to support this issue of the African strategy and try to achieve these recommendations.

As a community, our role is to do some lobbying to push the people towards the realization of some work, so it's a good subject to address I think. And you said that... I didn't say that on the mailing list we have decided on something, no, I didn't say that. But my feeling is that the subject that was more voted by people was that subject.

Okay, Aziz, you have the floor. Aziz, you have the floor. Gisella?

GISELLA GRUBER:

Aziz is still here.

AZIZ HILALI: Hello?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Hello, Aziz, it's okay, yes.

AZIZ HILALI: Yes, I agree with you, with what you said to Victor. We have not decided yet but I also wanted to tell Victor and all of you that some work has been done. There is a draft committee and we have worked on a statement, and it's very interesting work and we have to present it during our next meeting of AFRALO/AfrICANN. But as you know, we need to ask all the community for its opinion; we need to receive the answer of each of you and we need a majority on one subject so we can present it again during the next meeting, the Beijing meeting.

Now I also wanted to add that as we have a President taking care of the African problem we should associate Pierre directly into the decision of these subjects that we will choose for the meeting of the African players. This is important of the other regions, too. It's a good example we give, so we need to launch again this possibility. The creation of a fund is a good idea, too, and we need to launch it again, to propose it again.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay, thank you Aziz. Maybe everybody's not agreeing with you. I think we need to work with Pierre but Pierre can't give his opinion, can't have the last opinion on the subjects we are going to choose.

AZIZ HILALI:

Tijani, I told you that we need to invite Pierre to those meetings of AFRALO/AfrICANN. I didn't say that we need to associate them in the decision of the subjects. This decision of the subjects is for the African community and Pierre is an African member as all of us.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Okay, thank you Aziz, you're right. Pierre is invited to our meeting as any African person, so it's very important for the African community to be here with us. Pierre has been working with us so I really want to thank him. Pierre is always assisting and participating and supporting us, so now as Vice President it's very important that he works with us. Thank you, Aziz.

Now, the last item of our agenda – activities to be programmed for July in Durban. Fatimata is not with us so I don't know if we can speak about that, but we must think about a Showcase. We made Nairobi, we made Dakar and they were different so now Durban must be different, too. It must be brilliant again so we have to think about that, and we also have to think of other activities that we can organize in Durban. We need to reflect on that altogether but if you want as we are not going to be able to have a capacity building session we can do that in London. In London we are going to meet and we are going to do our capacity building session in London. So we are not going to ask At-Large for a capacity building session for Durban.

So but we have to think of something different that we can organize in Durban. Are there any comments on that issue? Since we have no

hands raised I think we should directly move to any other business, the last item. I would like to thank you all for your patience. Unfortunately Fatimata could not join us today because she had trouble communicating but I hope we did carry out this call clearly. And I think it's because Adigo is providing low-cost service, because normally when Fatimata calls everything goes perfectly well. But I see today that we've had very bad communications for the whole of Africa. There's people in Morocco and even Pierre had trouble communicating. We had to call him back and then the connection was still not very good. And Fatimata could not join us, she disconnected; Hawa disconnected. It's a very, very big issue and I think we should discuss this.

For the next meeting I think we should talk to ICANN staff regarding this matter. So I would like to thank you all. I see Aziz wants to speak?

YAOVI ATOHOUN: This is Yaovi speaking. Before we go, I hope you hear me clearly? I hope you can hear me. Because of my position in my city...

INTERPRETER: I'm sorry, I couldn't understand Yaovi.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay, so do we have any other comments? I would like to thank the interpreters, that's Claire and Camila, and also the ICANN staff, so Gisella, Nathalie and Heidi who had to go. Thank you all and talk to you soon.

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