

GISELLA GRUBER: Good morning, good afternoon and good evening to everyone on today's At-Large Capacity Building Steering Group call on Thursday the 31st of January. We have Salanieta Tamanikaiwaimaro, Dev Anand Teelucksingh, Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Tijani Ben Jemaa and Carlos Aguirre. Apologies noted from Sebastien Bachollet. From staff we have Heidi Ullrich and myself, Gisella Gruber. And if I could also please remind for everyone to state their names when speaking for transcript purposes, and the transcript will be made available within the next 48 hours. Thank you, over to you Sala.

SALANIETA TAMANIKAIWAIMARO: Thank you Gisella. First of all I'd just like to say greetings everyone, whichever time of the day it is for you; I appreciate you're being able to participate on this call despite whatever hour it is. And just like to first of all say thank you for stepping up and being part of what came to be a really dynamic committee, the Steering Committee which is going to be very pivotal and critical in terms of laying the path out for the working group proper.

And so with that I'd just like to also describe perhaps in essence, or I suppose a gentle reminder of our limitations with capacity building focus and emphasis, will be strictly for At-Large, so anything outside At-Large we won't really be covering. It will be useful to know what other are doing yes, but the thing that we will be developing as a team will be largely focusing on the At-Large community, which means this is the

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ALAC, this is the At-Large structures and our global community including the RALOs and that sort of thing.

And so with that, just a quick reference to some of the things that we discussed last year in December. I trust that we've all had an excellent and refreshing break, holiday, end of the year and that sort of thing and we are refreshed and eager and ready to start the year with a bang. So you would have seen that again there were a few things that were shown to the working group in terms of some of the things we would really like to cover prior to our developing our strategy in terms of how we're going to building capacity within At-Large.

And I thank you Carlos, and others who have commented either through specific mailing lists or even on the Wiki or on the general mailing list in relation to this important thing called capacity building. And we're very privileged to have people like Tijani who facilitated the first capacity building physical meeting when they had a meeting in their part of the world, and that sort of thing. And people like Carlos and Dev who work closely with the ALSes and the RALOs.

So what we would like to do in terms of as a Steering Committee, is to bring all of that energy, all of those experiences to the table and sort of together look at corporately how we're going to create the pathway of how we're going to begin and comment capacity building. And which is why we're going to have discussions, discussions of course amongst us about how we're going to begin to do that.

One of the things that we've been developing last year, in terms of helping us accessing and assess where we're at for the purposes of putting in place systems and structures to enhance capacity building is

to assess first and foremost where we're at in terms of At-Large. So this is one of the reasons why we created an MS Excel spreadsheet. I'm wondering if you've all seen that spread sheet. There's a version 1.6 which was posted on the Wiki. So, one of the things that we'd like to ask the steering group is for us to identify, first of all, how often we're going to be meeting. Second of all, is to identify specific focal areas which we can all take charge of.

And divide the people who have volunteered to be part of the working group so that they can be a specialized, focus work done in terms of gathering of information and analyzing it, and then coming back together to develop an overall strategy. So this will include things like, could potentially include things like, for example, RALO relations, how the information and policies fix the RALOs, how does it fix the different ALSes, is it being received.

And so when we talk about the RALOs we also talk about, and ALSes, things like contact points; is it actually reaching the ground. For example, in our recent experience when we were doing a survey in my part of the world we noticed that there were certain contact addresses that may not necessarily have been receiving. The contact addresses are either dormant or that kind of thing, so things like that. Looking at where the communication breaks down and that sort of thing.

And also, we have people like Dev who have [started this], who have told us about the 2010 survey that the ALSes went through and that sort of thing. So we can come into a great dynamic collaboration. And then of course there are things like curriculum, or things like what sort of things, what sort of specific areas do we want to build capacity in. And

of course the other things like the financial allocation in the past in terms of things that can be attributed directly to capacity building. And tracking to see whether there have been direct or deliverable out puts and that sort of thing. So that is one of the reasons why we started compiling that spreadsheet in Microsoft Excel Version 1.6.

So that's just a few brief thoughts, and of course, we have Tijani who is in the ICANN Academy, who is liaison in between groups. And of course Sandra is also part of the Capacity Building Working Group. And it's also very important for us to remember the distinction between the two, in relation to the ICANN Academy is one for everyone, whereas the At-Large Capacity Building is strictly for At-Large. Where we're looking at our own people and our own ALSes, our RALOs and that sort of thing.

So with that I would like to open the floor for general discussion. Please go ahead, Carlos.

CARLOS AGUIRRE:

Yes, thank you Sala for your introduction. My first point is a point of order, because I can see at the point number six in our agenda, the expression co-chairs. I think we are on a Steering Committee, so I need an explanation. Thank you.

SALANIETA TAMANIKAIWAIMARO:

Yes. In relation to the co-chairs, when the Capacity Working Group was first thought of, one of the things that the ALAC Chair had advised the community was that there would need to be a co-chair; primarily because of the dynamic nature of the tasks that are involved. And at the time of the discussion there was no – the idea of the Steering

Committee had not come up yet. So when we had our last meeting it appeared that there were many who'd be interested. So I think it evolved into a Steering Group Committee.

But yes I see Tijani's hand is raised, perhaps he'd like to comment. Go ahead, Tijani.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you Sala. First of all I would like to notice that on the Wiki page there is not now the spreadsheet, and I'd like it to be on this Wiki so that anyone can access it. If it is the wrong Wiki link, please give the right one. Second point, according to the Capacity Building Working Group, I think that you are right, we need to define the issues that we need our community to be built, to see that capacity built on. I mean what are the points of the learning that we want to address.

But also, this is something because generally we do this for the whole ALSes of one region at an ICANN meeting, for example, at Dakar for AFRALO and Costa Rica for LACRALO, etc. But there is also a single point capacity building that we need too. For example, the last meeting of the ALAC we don't define a real need for capacity building in the field of (inaudible).

And our working group, I think, has to address this point as well. Perhaps urgently, perhaps it will be perhaps our first action in our capacity building response. So there is two types of capacity building – there is capacity building given to our community as a whole, to try to give them knowledge about ICANN, about the process, about policies,

etc. This is one side of the capacity building, but there is another side of the capacity building.

Sometimes we don't define a subject that needs to be more explained to people, so we perhaps need to relate a session of capacity building on this single item. Thank you.

SALANIETA TAMANIKAIWAIMARO: Very excellent points raised by Tijani, and that's precisely why we will need to go through the process of designing the strategy, and at the end of gathering our information, running the trend analysis to sort of identify specifically, or suggest specifically to the ALAC and to the broader At-Large community, the areas which we as a working group recommend that we focus our capacity building on.

And again, I'd like to say that what Tijani pointed out was very important, very critical, because there are different dimensions of capacity building. And for us to be able to do that it would mean that we would also need to be doing our homework in terms of gathering the information, assessing it and doing the trend analysis. At this point, also to a point that Tijani made in relation to the spreadsheet, I hope everyone is seeing the link that Dev has put into the chat screen, because that has the link to the spreadsheet.

If you open the spreadsheet – please tell me if everyone is opening the spreadsheet. Indicate perhaps into the chat screen if you have opened it, or speak into your microphone. The version 1.6, there is something I would like to show you. You've got it Tijani?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I am trying.

SALANIETA TAMANIKAIWAIMARO: Okay, you are trying. Carlos, do you have it?

CARLOS AGUIRRE: Yes, I have it.

SALANIETA TAMANIKAIWAIMARO: Gracias. Dev, well Dev has it. Okay, so with that I would like us to open it, let me know...

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay, I have it now.

SALANIETA TAMANIKAIWAIMARO: Very good. If you open yes, you have it? Alright. If you open this, again this is version 1.6, this is only the beginning. If you open spreadsheet one you will see it says book one. Here you will see all the different ALSes, the date which they joined, the region and the country that they're from. If you move to the second spreadsheet, for example, the first spreadsheet you'll see is Society Internet, Sudan Internet Society, Arab Knowledge Management Society – so if you move to the second spreadsheet you'll see the summary.

And in that summary you will see, well this was prepared last year, you will see that we have Asia Pacific, Africa, African Region, LAC Region, the North American Region and European Region. You'll see from that

information, and this is based on the information that's on the RALO website, you will see the countries penetrated, the penetration rate, maximum reach and that sort of thing.

And also if you'll go down you'll see "approved ALS year after year," so in 2003 for example there was one for the Asia Pacific Region, in 2004 it grew to five, in 2005 there were four, 2006 there were four. So on the side you'll see that there's like a little graph that shows the growth of the addition of the ALSes that were being added year after year. So if you move to – tell me if I'm going too fast. This is just a very general just pointing out.

And if you move to spreadsheet three you will see other information like for example, in column A you'll see things like Alpha 2 code, column B you'll see things like country and territory and column C it will describe whether it's a country or territory, column D you'll see the physical region. And column E you'll see ICANN region, and you'll see whether the country or territory has a ccTLD, and whether that ccTLD is within the ccNSO and you'll see when the registration happened. And you'll see the registration model whether they have, and also you'll see who's operating it.

So basically, the idea of gathering information is basically to assess and ascertain the context in which these ALSes exist, and the things that could be useful for us when we're planning the nature of the type of capacity building. And because of the excellent points that Tijani has raised in terms of the different types of capacity building, whether it's understanding of ICANN or understanding of policy or whether it's

administration, whether it's communication, whatever it is we need to be able to identify and assess.

And once I had said that our limits our within At-Large, it's still important to know what other constituencies, or what other parts of ICANN are doing capacity building in which could be relevant for us. And this is to avoid duplication, which is why it's really important to be aware of who's doing what. Because for many reasons, one apart from a wordy duplication, the second important reason is there is a financial allocation that will be moved in that area, so it's in our interest to know the movement of things and how we can better work together and how we can collaborate.

And which is why it's really excellent that global partnerships is looking to strengthen how we collaborate. And so I would just like to very quickly ask is there anyone in our Steering Committee who represents, who is part of the ALAC Financial Sub-Committee?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I am. I am the vice-chair.

SALANIETA TAMANIKAIWAIMARO: That's perfect. So we are very fortunate that Tijani is actually there, because what we will also need to do is to analyze over the past, look at the items financials, perfect. We have Tijani and Dev who are part of the Financial Committee.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Olivier is the Chair, and he is here.

SALANIETA TAMANIKAIWAIMARO: Yes, and Olivier being the Chair. So with three within that sub-committee, we can access the financial statements for at least five years and look at the components that went out into capacity building and we can measure it and examine the relationships and the trends that we witness from our information gathering. So these sorts of things, when we take it through, by the time we are done with our analysis and we craft our corporate strategy and when we present it back to the ALAC, these sorts of things allows our ALAC Chair, or the ALAC to be able to communicate with the global partnerships to save it.

We've seen this trend, we've seen this and we can directly link this. So these are some of the thing that we'd like to suggest of how we can perhaps be more productive in certain areas. In other words, it helps to give those decision makers more credibility or more confidence in releasing certain things to our community knowing that we've done our homework.

So I think if no one else has any comments in relation to that I would like us to begin to start putting in place, we have to start listing perhaps some general dimensions of the information gathering process that we could all look after and lead, and perhaps we could create a timeline. We could easily suggest a timeline to and from using the mailing list. But for now, we need to; each of us in the Steering Committee should be looking after a key focal area.

For example, the gathering of the indicators and analysis of those indicators. So very quickly, who would like to – let's perhaps identify these areas. Tijani had started us off very nicely in relation to creating

the distribution. So I would suggest one of the areas would be the financial indicators in terms of the amount of funds over the years going to capacity building. And I'd like to suggest that Tijani be in charge of it. Would you be okay with that?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: No problem.

SALANIETA TAMANIKAIWAIMARO: Perfect. And in relation to, Carlos I wrote what you had written in relation to the ALSes and whatnot, and I would like to ask you and Dev what are your thoughts about in terms of the liaison liaising with the RALOs in terms of indicators from the RALOs. So what I would suggest to both Carlos and Dev is this, that there's a twin prong, a dual platform when looking at the RALOs, and one would be in terms of looking at the indicators of bit from [status], meaning as in when it gets registered the things that it needs to be able to [speak].

And the other one is the external relations aspects where the RALO or the ALS communicates with ICANN, and the nature of that information trickling in. So one would be inward looking where you're in an ALS and looking within, looking into the ALS, looking to the members and that sort of thing. And the other one is in the interface with the ICM systems. So because you two have in-depth knowledge of RALOs and setting up external interfaces with ICANN, I would like to suggest you both, but I would like to know that are your thoughts first of all about that.

And what are your ideas about which aspect you'd like to cover? You can only pick one of the two, that way we can focus. Because the RALO thing on its own is massive, it's massive.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Okay this is Dev. Okay thank you Dev Anand speaking. I guess one way of looking at this is, if I understand you Sala, what I was saying is to try to figure out and try to assess what each RALO has an interest in in terms of ICANN Policy issues, and ensure that and then link and then use that information so that this group can then work to come up with the ideas how we could get the appropriate capacity building materials, be it training materials, videos, podcasts, PDFs, whatever to those ALSes. I would think that's probably the immediate way forward.

I think one of the things is to establish is to document okay for example, I think what tends to happen in the RALOs, perhaps I'm wrong, is that there's really a lack of knowledge of what is happening in all of the At-Large Working Groups. And I think what needs to have at least as a first step is to bring that knowledge to the RALOs and say "look, there are these groups there; you have WHOIS, you have the Rules of Procedure, all of these groups and which ones are you most interested in or which ones do you think you need to know more about" and try to explain what it is about.

So for example, WHOIS, that acronym by itself, people may not understand what that is and I think that maybe the capacity building that has to then go to those RALOs has to be some sort of material, it could be a YouTube, I don't care whatever material you use. But to convey in a very short, even manner this is why you should care about

it, this is why you should maybe want to get involved. And here is how you learn more. Okay? I think this is a first step; sensitize the RALOs to do the various policy activities that At-Large is working on, and see which ones they're interested in and feature that prominently in the various RALO working pages.

Thank you. I hope I understood what you were trying to ask Sala, I apologize if I didn't. That's it.

SALANIETA TAMANIKAIWAIMARO: Very, very excellent; Dev raised excellent and critical points that we need to factor in, which is precisely why we need to identify the two dimensions and allow for people to concentrate in that particular area and gather all potential things that a conversation that occurs in something like Adobe could miss. And so to neatly bring that back to the group, identify the indicators, identify areas of bottle necks, look at what's happened historically, look at what's happening now, and potentially see how we can measure this and the [participation].

And with that I would like to ask Carlos, Carlos, do you have something that you'd like to say?

CARLOS AGUIRRE: Yes, Sala. Thank you. In addition to what Dev said, I think we have a hard task to do. We need to know first of all what are our expectations with this program? What do we want and what is the scope of the Capacity Building Working Group? I think we need to establish or fix a kind of process and timelines for each step in the process. I think that inside the process the first step is to create a curriculum. I think we

need to establish too is we need a different curriculum for different regions.

Because I don't know if, or better I think there are different knowledge in different regions. I think the language barrier is a huge obstacle in some regions. So some ALS leaders know less than others in different regions. So we need to know first of all what is the focus areas. In my opinion, the first is the ALS leaders. And secondly we need to establish the curriculum and what are our resources to reach our goals. I think that's all, thank you.

SALANIETA TAMANIKAIWAIMARO: Those are very excellent points Carlos, and very excellent points made by Carlos in relation to the need to identify what precisely we need to build in terms of capacity and we need the distinction between the, and he also raised some of the challenges. And very similar to what Tijani had raised initially when he was speaking in terms of a different specific emphasis of what needs to be built.

And Tijani, I see your hand is raised. Just before Tijani speaks I'd just like to say, in response to Carlos, is one of, this is precisely one of the reasons why it's important that we analyze and we assess first and foremost and evaluate where we're at as an At-Large community in relation to things related to capacity building. And from that we can then begin to identify practically what is within our scope and what is beyond us.

And also I suppose in a sense we'd be limited to certain extent in terms of the things that we could potentially do because of our budget

restrictions. But at the same time we can also see how, from the information that we've gathered, how we can creatively come up with avenues where we don't have to be limited by budget restrictions, but we can mutually share capacity building initiatives with other stakeholders who may be organizing things and that sort of thing.

But it's important for us to evaluate, and there's a general proverb that says "Before man builds a house he must first account the cost in terms of can we build this house." So for us it would be the type of housing we will be building will be dependent on the type of materials that are available to us and identifying what type of building we want to do. As Tijani had mentioned earlier, there are different types of capacity building. But Carlos you're absolutely right, there are already things that we can see that we can see now that need to be built. So with that I'd like to ask Tijani to please share your thoughts with us. We'd love to hear them.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you Sala. I think that you are both right, that we need to define what we want to achieve, not only what we want to build. Because what we want to build is an ongoing effort. Today we want to build the capacity of our community on WHOIS; tomorrow it will be on another thing. The next day it can be on a general understanding of ICANN, etc. So it is an ongoing effort. But what you want to reach by these capacity building efforts, this is something that we need to define now.

Second thing, you will notice that we need a lot of things to define. We need to define the tools to be used. We need to define the language and understand the point of Carlos, the language to be used and the

interpretation, the effort of translation of documents, the effort of translation during the capacity building. All these things we need to address, we need to define.

But let's start by defining our goal, what we want to reach by this capacity building. What kind of knowledge we can give. I'm not seeing what's in the knowledge, the content of the knowledge but not what kind of knowledge. Will it be a deep knowledge, an intimate knowledge or a general understanding? This is something that needs to be discussed, that needs to be defined together. I think that now we need first to put the general deadline for our objectives.

Using the data we have now and using the data that we are going to gather in the future, and we need to gather data all the time because it is an ongoing effort too. And I think that the language issue is very important and we need to emphasize it. In Africa we have a big problem because we have half of Africa is speaking the English and they don't speak French. And the other half they are speaking French, but they don't speak English. So we have a big problem here and I understand very well the Latin America problem too.

So a lot of things to define, but let's start by a general guideline and let's start by perhaps planning something easy. We will not go into complications or something very complicated, let's start by something easy to decide ourselves. Because I think that in the future we will make a very good job. Now we have a small experience. We have, in AFRALO we have a small experience, in LACRALO they have a small experience. Each region has a small experience. We want to build on this experience and to make better capacity building.

If I had to redo the capacity building we did in Dakar I would not do it in the same way. And I put it in my report, my final report on capacity building. So I want to say we need to first define what we want to achieve and then we have to address all the elements of the capacity building together because they are all necessary for any session that you want to implement. And now we will have the duty to implement our capacity building. In the future when the ICANN Academy will be working we will have only to define the need, define the items to be addressed, to define the tools we need, we wish to be used, and we find the type of capacity building and then the Academy will do its work. Thank you.

SALANIETA TAMANIKAIWAIMARO: Very good. And excellent points raised by Tijani, and definitely something that we always need to keep at the forefront of our planning and our execution. I'd also like to read Carlos's comment in the chat screen, and he's saying that "it's my feeling that we done need to fix concepts now. Concepts and definitions will be created in our discussions and because of our discussions." Okay. I'd just like to at this stage point us to the process flow that was shard on the 17th of December last year.

I'm wondering if you have access to that page on our Wiki, and you'll see right at the bottom of that process is called development of strategy. Can you guys see it? Is everyone seeing that – no?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: That's small flowchart?

SALANIETA TAMANIKAIWAIMARO: Yes the one that says “information gathering, analysis and development of strategy.” The development of strategy will tell us precisely the areas that we’re going to put in our strategy or recommend where capacity needs to be built in terms of (inaudible) – things like language or things like you were raising, looking at the challenges. The information gathering chat, the first block, the information gathering is the spot of the Microsoft Excel version 1.6 where we are identifying the different indicated.

Does it, hello? And so the trend analysis is where we have the information, we’ve conducted the trend analysis, things like growth of the ALSes or things like participation in calls, or things like barriers to participation in policy making or things like that. So the trend analysis essentially will give us an idea of where we’re at. And so in terms of the development of strategy this will include things that Carlos is raising, like the creation of curriculum, subjects to decide, or the modus operandi, how are we going to carry this out, and it would be read together in line with everything.

But what I would like to suggest because of the limited time that we now have, we only have approximately 16 minutes left, is between now and the 4th of February, we have between now and our next meeting with the working group, the general working group, that we exchange on the mailing list a document, a document which will put out our roadmap. And we should include things like what Carlos and Tijani had raised like our objectives, our general objectives. Because you are right, there is something we can put in there where we do need to wait for

the results from the information gathering to identify that, but we can always refine it and tweak it when we do a trend analysis and that sort of thing.

So on the 4th of February 19:00 UTC we will be having our Capacity Building Working Group call with the entire team. So before the 4th of February, let's aim for the 4th of February, we'll be exchanging communication via email in relation to our roadmap, our timeline and areas of responsibility. So before we meet with the general working group I would like for each person, so Carlos to look after a specific area, so you will be leading a group, like some people from the working group. Dev will be looking after a specific area. Tijani will be looking after a specific area.

And we identify on the mailing lists...

CARLOS AGUIRRE: Sorry, but we need to identify what is that area.

SALANIETA TAMANIKAIWAIMARO: Yes, and that's what we need to identify. So when we were initially at some point in this call you know I was sort of suggesting one would be the financial to look into the budget and analyze how much allocations were made to use to capacity building, and what were the nature of those allocations. And also things like RALOs and that sort of thing. So we'll need to identify those specific areas. So if we can exchange that communications via the mailing list I can start up a document just to start off with and you can make suggestions.

Or instead of starting with a document let's just start exchanging these thoughts onto the mailing list and then we can put it into a document and then hopefully finalize it by the third of February, well before the call and agree. And we can identify areas and volunteer to look after areas that you think you can handle, so we can be ready for the 4th of February call. How does that sound?

[background conversation]

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Well there's not much time but I guess yeah, we'll have to try. This is Dev.

SALANIETA TAMANIKAIWAIMARO: It shouldn't be difficult [for us to] identify specific areas. Dev, I didn't understand. (Inaudible) I'm sorry I couldn't hear.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: There is a big noise.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Well somebody left; I'm not sure who. This is Dev.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yeah I think Carlos left. Sala.

SALANIETA TAMANIKAIWAIMARO: Yes, I was just wondering...

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Okay it was Carlos.

SALANIETA TAMANIKAIWAIMARO: Oh Carlos must have lost his...Dev, perfect. Okay Carlos, not your fault, hope to get you back soon. What are your thoughts? Are there any other ideas about how we can do this or build this? Especially in terms of the roadmap. Okay, Carlos is sending me a number I think the Adigo people are calling out to you shortly.

So what we will need to do is set up a timeline. Okay, Olivier wants to speak.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much Sala, it's Olivier Crépin-Leblond for the transcript record. I thought I'd add one more thing. I think you're starting well here by dividing the tasks and certainly getting the leadership Steering Committee to start tackling and basically creating a roadmap. Do beware of this week because as you might or might not know, I don't know whether this was publicized, but there is a huge ICANN meeting going on at the moment with the meeting of the Board with staff in Los Angeles, as we speak in fact.

And the matters of capacity building and the outreach and the funding, the amounts of funding and the overall strategy of ICANN that ICANN is going to pursue in the next one, two, three, four, five years, I don't know the details, but this is being discussed pretty much as we're

speaking at the moment, and will be discussed in the next few hours and probably during the rest of the week as well with Sally Costerton, the new Vice President for Global Stakeholder Engagement who has worked with her team to make a set of proposals.

Now this will undoubtedly affect the work of this working group here. And I hope that it will actually affect the work of this working group in a positive way, and that it will provide wings to this working group to be able to move forward faster and be enabled to do things. But when you asked for some work to be done on the background and history of what has been done so far, it's good to have a look at it, but I wouldn't base the future on what's happened in the past two, three years. I think the future is going to be radically different, going to be radically better.

And there will be a lot of light that will be shining on this working group to produce, or At-Large to produce a thing. So I should say that yes go ahead and get the ball rolling, but you will probably know more – and as soon as I know more by the way Sala, about what's happening and what the news are from Los Angeles, or as soon as Heidi does, then we will be transmitting the information directly to this working group. Thank you.

SALANIETA TAMANIKAIWAIMARO: Thank you Olivier. And it's always a privilege to have you with us Olivier. And we really appreciate that insight and I think that's a really excellent thing. And for us, as a working group, particularly as a Steering Committee, just to make sure that we equip and fully equip the ALAC and the ALAC Chair in these ongoing discussions venturing that we've done our homework.

And what Olivier said is really, really true and we'll definitely bear that in mind Olivier in terms of the situation to be radically different from the past even the changes in management and that sort of thing. And we're looking forward to constant updates. And yes Carlos, I think you're absolutely correct. Global stakeholder engagement is a conclusion of the process.

And one of the reasons that we're building capacity yes is to ensure that our ALSes are participating in the ecological assesses. And if we can do that, if we can qualify that and if we can quantify that, if we can show growth and if we can plan for growth and that sort of thing and systematically put things together I think in a sense we would have fulfilled part of our duties as good members of the At-Large community.

And with that I'd like to ask everyone if there is any other business anyone wants to raise please feel free. I'll give this about three minutes. Dev, is there something in particular you wanted to raise, or Carlos or Tijani before we conclude this meeting.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: No it's okay.

SALANIETA TAMANIKAIWAIMARO: Thank you Tijani. Carlos is there something that you wanted to say?

CARLOS AGUIRRE: No I have no comments.

SALANIETA TAMANIKAIWAIMARO: Thank you Carlos. Heidi, please.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Thank you, Sala. This is Heidi. I'm just wondering whether we could just spend a few minutes on the development of the working group agenda for the Monday call of the entire group.

SALANIETA TAMANIKAIWAIMARO: Yes, right. Heidi, in relation to the agenda, Carlos, Dev, Tijani, in relation to the capacity building agenda for the Monday call, February 4th, do you all agree we should have a welcome and an introduction and is there something specific that you would like to add to that besides from tasks and presenting the project roadmap? Tijani please.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes I think that we have to reflect what we said here in the whole working group, to the whole working group and to inform them about the tasking that we did. And also we need to make real roadmap. So I think that the next meeting will be the best place to do it. So I think that we together, through the mailing list we have to prepare that so that in the next meeting of the whole working group we try to introduce and to get the point of view of the rest of the members of the working group. And we need to start, we need to start very, very fast because it is important, capacity building is very important that we have all the action in Beijing that Maureen is preparing and we need to do something for her.

We need to do a capacity building about WHOIS that was requested by ALAC. Now it is a dutiful act. And I want to tell you that there will be a briefing about WHOIS very soon. But we need to do a capacity building about WHOIS for the whole community very soon. So we have here two actions that we need to do very shortly, we have to prepare them. And also, we have to prepare our strategy for the next operations that we need to outline. Thank you.

SALANIETA TAMANIKAIWAIMARO: Okay, so Heidi, if you can just put a welcome and introduction, and very briefly looking at the last meeting, 17th December for the take home points. And everything is also the project roadmap, but I can do that and send all this to you by email after I send it to the Steering Committee, and if they want something added to it then we could perhaps finalize it and send it to you today within the next 12 hours if that's okay with you.

In relation to the project roadmap, yes Tijani is absolutely right in terms of getting input from the entire working group. It's important to get their feedback. But at the same time it's important for us as a Steering Committee to set some sort of pace in relation to at least the significant markers and the timelines that we need to ensure that everything is done by so that come Beijing we have tangible things to deliver and that sort of thing.

But we also need to look at the capacity building that's being organized by APRALO in relation to the ALAC. I'm not sure how far in it is and what precisely is our scope at this point in time, but it's something we can certainly discuss with Olivier offline and also discuss with APRALO in

relation to how our input is going to be solicited and that sort of thing. But if everyone agrees, we are at the hour now and we must conclude our...

HEIDI ULLRICH:

Sala can I just add a few quick things. Just to let you know that we've added a capacity building group for Beijing scheduled tentatively for Monday 12 to one, if everyone agrees with that. Perhaps that can be mentioned on the next call at the full group on Monday. And also, in terms of the APRALO capacity building, my understanding is that they are actually going to do all of their capacity building through the joint meetings with the Fellows, each day Sunday through, sorry, Monday through Thursday.

I know that Maureen Hilyard is working with Janice who is leads the Fellows. So I think they're having that in hand. So I don't know what all this working group would be doing for that.

SALANIETA TAMANIKAIWAIMARO: Yes. And Tijani, I hope that clarifies from ICANN staff our point of view. That the APRALO capacity building that Maureen is organizing is I suppose in a sense APRALO is still us, it's the one that they're doing together, the Fellowships. I know Maureen is part of this Capacity Building Working Group, and if and where she needs our assistance, in terms of whatever assistance she may need, she will expressly communicate to us. But in terms of the current focus and the current emphasis of the Steering Committee, that's something that we need to [put and limit] and identify as well.

But you raise excellent points Tijani, and certainly when I speak to Maureen, I'll try to have a brief chat with her, and I'm sure she's going to read it at our next capacity building meeting anyway. But with that I would like to say thank you everyone for your time. We're two minutes past our time, and again thank you everyone for attending. So what we can do now is to populate the mailing list of capacity building Steering Committee mailing list. I will put together a rough draft of the project roadmap which we can share with the entire team.

Does that sound like a plan? Does that sound okay? And let's invite input, let's create some diversity and let's get the ball rolling. And I know we're going to have a very energetic year, 2013. It's going to be awesome to hear what everyone has to say from all parts of the world in relation to how we should proceed. So I wish you well. Have a great evening, morning, afternoon wherever you're at. And again thank you staff for organizing this call, thank you Gisella, thank you to the Adigo team, Heidi, thank you again Olivier. Thank you everyone. Good bye.

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