

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: So let's start. Good morning, good afternoon and good evening everyone. This is the ALAC Executive Committee conference call on the 27th of February 2013. The time is 15:08 UTC, and I will immediately start with a roll call, and apologies, if you could please, Gisella.

GISELLA GRUBER: Pleasure, thank you. On today's call we have Olivier Crépin-Leblond,

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Have we lost Gisella?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Well I'm not quite sure whether we've got Gisella or not, it's Olivier for the transcript. I think we might have lost Gisella. That's not a very good start.

GISELLA GRUBER: Cheryl Langdon-Orr, Rinalia Abdul Rahim, Tijani Ben Jemaa...

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Right well, have you lost me as well or am I coming out loud and clear?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Olivier, you're here as I am, but Gisella came in and out. I think it's...

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OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you Cheryl. I'm sure she's ore out than in at the moment. Gisella, I'm afraid you're going to have to restart again because I just cannot, I haven't heard anything from your roll call. I don't even know if I'm here from that roll call.

MATT ASHTIANI: Hi, this is Matt. While Gisella is reconnecting do you want me to do the roll call?

HEIDI ULLRICH: She's back. It looks like she's back. Go ahead Gisella, are you back? I just heard Gisella.

GISELLA GRUBER: I'm – yeah sorry, I'm here. I was here all the time. Am I hearing an issue? Can you hear me?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: We can hear you, but when you said the roll call you dropped out three or four times and we couldn't hear half of you.

GISELLA GRUBER: I'm sorry. There has been some connectivity problems on Adobe Connect and we had this in a call yesterday as well with people dropping in and out. And I was wondering whether it was to do with the Adobe Connect or personal internet connections, but I will do the roll call again with pleasure. On today's call we have Olivier Crépin-

Leblond, Cheryl Langdon-Orr, Rinalia Abdul Rahim, Tijani Ben Jemaa, Julie Hammer; no apologies noted.

From staff we have Heidi Ullrich, Matt Ashtiani, Silvia Vivanco and myself, Gisella Gruber. And if I could also please just remind you to state your names when speaking, for transcript purposes. Thank you, over to you Olivier.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much Gisella. You mentioned no apologies, I thought there was one from Carlton.

GISELLA GRUBER: Gisella here, sorry. I did double check my emails, I didn't see one from Carlton for this call, but I will put attention to the [apology] that he is [here] today.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yeah because I've seen, it might not have been a formal apology but I did see that he was traveling, so it might be hard for him to make it. Anyway now, let's get moving because the time is of the essence and it's already nearly quarter past. Let's have a look immediately at the review of action items from the 26th of February ALAC meeting, which is yesterday. And we will just look at the newly assigned action items. There are several open action items which are there, but these are sort of long term.

The newly assigned ones are "Holly Raiche to hold the pen on the At-Large Revised New gTLD Registry Agreement, including additional public

interest commitments specification workspace.” This is a public comment period that ends today, I believe. And Holly was initially a little taken back by the fact that it ended so quickly, but I’ve asked Matt to ask for an extension on this. Do we have an update?

MATT ASHTIANI:

Hi, this is Matt for the record. No, I don’t have an update, but I did submit a comment yesterday, because the PC closed yesterday, stating that At-Large, that ALAC would be submitting a comment during the reply period.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Okay, thank you Matt. I think that Holly is considering drafting something in the next couple of days. Ultimately if she decides that there isn’t any interest on this then we’ll just drop it and we’ll advise the public comment, the person in charge of the public comment, accordingly. I note a note from Rinalia on the chat “did she confirm she said she would come back”; yes, she would come back. So we’ll just wait for her confirmation.

Next, “Olivier is to send a call for a call for volunteers to the RALOs and the ALAC once a list of working groups that are of interest to At-Large has been compiled.” Alan Greenberg is to provide the list of GNSO working groups that would be of interest and that can be joined, and Cheryl would do the same thing for the ccNSO working groups. I happen to have received a list of working groups yesterday, that’s right, from Ron. And I’m not quite sure, because the discussions we had yesterday

Cheryl, you had mentioned it might not be a good idea to just start having people being submitted to all working groups, so I'm not sure.

Ron has sent a list but I'm not quite sure about using it, and I thought I'd leave it in your hands to deal with this.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

Sure, Cheryl here I'm about to speak to the very thing now. I will actually respond formally so Matt's got it in the records. My advice is that the majority of what's on there is either wrapping up or by invitation only. I see no opportunity for any additional people to go into the existing working groups that we don't already have people in recognizing that we do have people in a number of those working groups. And I've also got both Maureen and Cintra added to a few of those.

So I'm not concerned about those ones at the moment because the IDN ones, which were the ones that we had the multiregional representatives with putting out 100 (inaudible) for comments, so no point in doing it now. Thank you. That's actually identical to what I said last time we had this conversation with, I think it was Rinalia asking about people joining the IDN ones, so I don't think you want to close that or wait till I pop the formal across it.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

As soon as you can it would be great, and we can close that or we can put a tick next to your name on this one. And I guess primarily really it's for GNSO working groups since Alan has mentioned the creation of a number of GNSO working groups that will need direct involvement, so

that's still in progress at the moment and Gisella will be providing a list of At-Large working groups altogether. So that's one thing, there was another point actually, which is not reflected here. Gisella has, in the past, provided me with a list of ALAC members and their involvement in working groups. I think it would be helpful to have an updated listing of these because I know we haven't done anything with the last one, but it is important for us to be able to know how busy some of us are.

I'm sometimes guilty of getting X, Y, Z and saying "Oh please join this working group as well," not being aware that they're already on four or five different other things simultaneously. And just one concern of course, on one side there is the underutilization of At-Large, well ALAC members, but there's also the overutilization of ALAC members and the last thing we want to do is burn them out as well.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Cheryl here.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, go ahead Cheryl.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thanks as I try to put my hand up while actually typing into the chat, waiting for reconnection and... The Adobe Connect is so flaky lately, Tech has been told about this, this is ridiculous. Did you want to change that action item since to some extent, or add an additional part to it from this meeting? I'm happy to not only respond with the link to where that list is found for the ccNSO, because that means we've got something

done and means that we can always give up on, but to put a little [on who is] currently formally and/or informally attending or listed to the members, because that is actually quite useful and it goes very much to that.

I think Alan also said, and I'm sure he could do the same, the issue with the list that Alan was aware of from this site Heidi picked up all of the, there were work groups on this list which was more than two years old and some of which had closed. So I think there's a little bit more work on his listing obviously online.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes thank you Cheryl yes, an update is definitely required on that page of our working groups. Perhaps we could have this as an action item for this call. And another update is required for the list of members and what working groups they are in, but it would certainly be very helpful if Gisella could have access to the attendance records, and easy access. I don't want her to spend a whole day trying to track that information, so it would be really gratefully acknowledged, grateful received if she could be provided with that information. All she has to do is a bit of cut and paste and so on. Are you okay with that Gisella?

GISELLA GRUBER: Gisella here, yes Olivier.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay thank you. Alright, let's move on then. Any questions or comments on any of these newly assigned action items? I don't see

anyone putting their hand up. The open action items on that same page are action items regarding the World Conference on International Telecommunications. We talked about those yesterday. That's still in progress and forthcoming. The issue of WHOIS to be added as an issue to be addressed by the At-Large Capacity Building Working Group is also in progress. And the end of the work of the Rules of Procedure Working Group is something which we talked about yesterday as well; that's also in progress.

Looking at the ALAC ExCom action items, that's from January 2013, it's the other link from your agenda. We will pass over the "in-progress, long term goals with no update required," and "in-progress, long term goals update required" – I think that Matt and I will get together and do the same thing as what we did with the ALAC in progress goals, and clean them up and probably officially close them during our next ExCom call, since we have two calls a month it probably will be the right time to close them officially.

I can see there are several of these that are out of date and that have long passed. Just looking at the newly assigned action items, we've got "Heidi to work with Cheryl and send an explanatory message to the ALAC noting the next steps of the Rules of Procedure Working Group." I gather that's in progress, when we will know this. And then the "Planned Chinese Multi-stakeholder Forum in Beijing" is well underway as well. Hong Xue was to email the Global Stakeholder Engagement Group, carbon copying Heidi, and sending the group a written proposal for the Planned Chinese Multi-Stakeholder Forum in Beijing.

She has done that. There was some discussion to and fro between Hong and the GSE, Global Stakeholder Engagement Group, and also Heidi, and also the Beijing Events Organizing Committee. I think that we've reached a solution. Who would be ready to speak to that; Rinalia or Heidi? We'll just make this binary, Rinalia or Heidi?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay, thank you Rinalia.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Rinalia says Heidi, so go ahead Heidi.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yes, thank you. So yes, that session has now been scheduled Thursday 8:00 to 9:30, so there's a bit of an overlap with the Joint ALS APRALO Fellows and just 30 minutes overlap with the wrap-up session for the ALAC Regional Leaders. That's all.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thank you very much Heidi. And since I know we're going to talk about the meeting schedule later on in Beijing, and there will be an update on the APRLO Beijing events, but I just thought I cannot miss the opportunity of thanking you and your team, and also thanking the members of the Beijing Organizing Committee and the amount of work you've all supplied on this. I listen to the calls, somehow at a friendly hour than 4:00 a.m. for me, but it's clear to see really good involvement to come up with a really excellent set of events over there in Beijing, so it will be good. Looking forward to that.

Anyway, any comments or questions on the action items? I don't see anyone putting their hand up, so let's move to the Policy Advice Development page. As you know, we went through all of that yesterday. I don't see the utility in going through each one these statements one after the other. For those people who are listening to this call, I suggest that they listen to yesterday's ALAC call, yesterday being the 26th of February 2013 ALAC call.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Hand up.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Quickly reading through those, are there any comments or questions or any additions to this? And I've heard the "hand up" from Cheryl, so Cheryl you have the floor.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: I think, Alan, today, well sorry, my yesterday – I don't know when it was for anyone else, doesn't matter anyway. It was still the same day as I held the ALAC call if that helps. A three page document on the cc and gTLD delegation, re-delegation paper – I've checked my emails; he's obviously not managed to get through that as yet. You should note of the three pages one of those pages isn't, and it will probably be deleted, it's already progressed to a point where, as I said, he should have something during he should have something in the very near future. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: That's fantastic, thank you very much Cheryl. And that's for the record, the consultation on the gTLD re-delegation, delegation and re-delegation performance standards and the consultation on the same for ccTLD. The comment period closes on the 28th. I think that Matt has asked for an extension on this as well, so we can submit our comment in the reply period. Cheryl, were you about to ask something?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Yeah, Cheryl here. I just wanted to make clear as all of the questions are absolutely identical in both things, there is only a variation on a couple of the very short list of KPIs, where there are differences in timeliness between the two working and some additional quality, two additional quality KPIs for the new gTLDs. I've written, as was agreed, a single paper. It can just be duplicated to each of the two period, but it actually responds to both as a joint. It would be simple enough, if you so desire to, recognizing that they are integral words with just about a sentence difference, but it may mean a single paper can be sent in both directions rather than two sets of papers.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay thank you very much Cheryl. As long as this paper is not a multiple choice question where you just pick the sentence you want to have, I guess it won't be too confusing for the rest of the readers of the paper.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Well it's got merit I think. The four questions at the end are bordering on banal actually. I think if you've read them you know – what qualities would you like in the KPIs; what would make you trust the KPIs more;

what style of reporting would you like in the KPIs; oh yes and is there anything else you'd like to tell us.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay right, well let's move on then, thank you for this Cheryl and we'll no doubt hear from Alan in the next 24 hours about this, and the process will move forward to presenting to the community, have them comment on it for five days and then we'll have a five day vote which will take us well into the early part of March, probably like the 10th or 12th of March and we'll be filing the statement.

Quick question Matt – you wrote correct in the chat. It is correct that you've asked for an extension on this, is that correct?

MATT ASHTIANI: That is correct that you're statement is correct, yes.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay thank you. Well I'm glad I'm correct that you're correct. I'm getting confused now. Any other questions or comments on any of the other processes, the other public comments on there? I don't see anyone. Now, just one thing – the closed generic gTLD applications – there was a discussion on the ALAC yesterday, which led to thinking that this was going to be a statement, a binary statement that would provide two options for ALAC members to choose. Option one being that closed generic applications are not a good thing or a bad thing. And option B which was, did I say option one; Option A and option B. Option B that it was not such a bad thing or vice versa.

Anyway, effectively it showed no consensus within the ALAC, but it gave, it was going to provide a sense to the Board of the feeling of our members. Now both Alan and Evan worked together late into the night last night to try and build an even more consensual statement, actually pushed by several members, several people who wrote to Evan in private, including Roberto Gaetano and others. And basically they've put together a new statement, which appears to be a consensus of the public two views, and shows the measure between the two views.

I'm not sure whether they've put it up online yet. I've received a quick copy of it in the email; I don't see the online part having been updated. I gather that as soon as this is ready, and it's probably likely to be put online later today, we will ask for comments from people and an ALAC vote directly on it. We need to have this done ASAP since we need to provide our comments by the 7th of March, 2013. What we can do is to give it an extended one, two, three, four, five, six day vote for us to be in time to submit it. Any comments or questions about this?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

It's Cheryl here, just to clarify. As I understood, that version is only sent to the Executive Committee seeking input from this group before it went out; that's why it hasn't been updated on the Wiki. And I know Rinalia and Carlton have already weighed in, so I'm assuming that it won't be too much longer before it goes out, but it didn't go to the whole ALAC yet.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Correct, yeah that's right. The text itself was shared with the ExCom. And so any feedback on this, on here – I must say I myself am personally fine with it. I think it's quite balanced. There is an example based on Apple, and maybe we might need to find another root of some source to illustrate our example, but I'm okay with the rest. I see there is an exchange of views on the ExCom list. I'm not sure if Rinalia has mentioned anything. Yeah, she has.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Yes she has. She particularly wanted to seek Carlton's input and he's given that now.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Oh, I just see that there is Carlton's input now, just as we were speaking his input has come in. Although Carlton does say that there's something that rubs the wrong way about it. Anyway, right, we'll leave it over to the ExCom list and continue on the ExCom list and hopefully find consensus by the end of the day. Let's move on to the next part of this call, it's already half passed. Number four – Call for membership of the new ICANN Meeting Strategy Group.

An announcement has been sent out. There are several people who have admitted their interest in being part of this meeting strategy working group; that's a group that is headed by Sebastien Bachollet, and I believe Chris Disspain is also on this, and it's an ICANN wide working group. The process, which has been somehow wasn't defined originally but which was defined more I think yesterday by the group, is that the candidatures will be accepted until the 3rd of March, so this Sunday.

After that the working group staff will get back to us with a list of the candidates who have claimed themselves to be from At-Large and who would like to be endorsed by the ALAC. And I can see here, if you look at the Wiki page which has the full details, the application sent to relevant AC or SO on the 4th of March; list of applicant supported by the relevant AC and SOs sent to the selectors on the 14th of March. So we'll have 10 days to make our selection, we as in the ALAC.

But then there was a discussion yesterday on whether this selection should be done by the ExCom, and that was Alan who suggested this. Now, I would be okay with that, however, one has to be mindful that one of the candidates is going to be Tijani. So I'm not quite sure how we would actually resolve this, and I open the floor for discussion. Tijani, of course, you're very much welcome to chime in on to this.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Can I ask a question?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: yes go ahead, Cheryl.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Is there an invitation in the notation on the number of representatives the ALAC is going to be asked...?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: So this is it Cheryl, thank you for this question actually. I've spoken to Sebastien yesterday because I must admit I was a bit confused and

concerned actually about the complexity of the process that we would need to provide a selection. Sebastien has mentioned that his group would be happy with just an order and basically not an actual selection. So if we have 10 candidates he would be happy, or his group would be happy if we could put some kind of order in which we would prefer the candidates to be selected.

I think that's equally as difficult as making a full selection of three out of 10 candidates. But then the other point is that I also thought that perhaps we would wish to send five candidates, one from each region. So recommend one candidate from each region so as to keep our selection very geographically balanced. I'm not quite sure that this was really a requirement, because the geographical balancing is something which the working group itself is probably going to perform. So at that point we might just be actually causing a problem if there is an unbalancing of geography in the overall working group, and we're just sending one candidate from each region.

And let's say there's no African candidates at all, or no candidate from the African region. Then we would effectively not – be playing against ourselves because we could have had two or three candidates from Africa being selected. I see Tijani has put his hand up, you have the floor Tijani.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you Olivier. Since I applied for a membership position in this working group, if th4e ExCom will be selecting, or will be ordering the candidates, I will not take part in the selection for sure, because that would be a conflict of interest. But anyway I am not, it is important that

– I see that it is important that I am in this working group because I was interested in those questions since a long time. And because I made my proper comments on the proposal that we made before, and also I was the one who wrote the ALAC statement about this question.

But if ALAC or ExCom see that other people are better than me in this working group, I don't mind. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thank you very much Tijani. That's exactly the difficulty isn't it; if we think someone is better than someone else in a working group. Well, I would like to say something that I probably wouldn't need to say on this call, but I have no frigging clue...

[crosstalk]

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Who some of these people are.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: It's a pretty tough one. And especially since looking at the list of people who have applied so far, we have a Wiki page which has been set up, and the list of people who have applied so far are all known and are all pretty good people. Rinalia, you've put your hand up. Can I ask staff to please just give us, send a link to the Wiki page which we have so we can have an advanced look at the list whether the list had grown much. Rinalia, go ahead.

RINALIA ABDUL RAHIM: Thank you Olivier. This is Rinalia for the record. I'm going to insist that we do not order candidates regardless of who is doing the evaluation, because that will take a considerable amount of effort and it will be controversial. Let's leave it to the selectors to decide who they want. But I think we do need to assess to see whether or not they fulfill the criteria, and I've looked at the criteria. They tend to fall within more or less the same as ATRT 2 with maybe one or two slight differences.

And it's general and I think that we can do this in a small group; it need not be precise. We can shortcut the ATRT 2 process; there is precedence. But we need to make a decision in terms of who is actually going to do the assessment on behalf of the ALAC. Is it going to be the ALAC or the ExCom and who is actually going to the select? Will the ExCom do the assessment and then put it for an ALAC vote, or will the ALAC do the assessment and select and then put it out for ALAC ratification? Thank you.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Cheryl here.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you Rinalia; Cheryl go ahead.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thank you. I'm only going to channel Alan; I'm not being me at all because I'm not – I don't think I should. But Alan most specifically at the ALAC meeting last night proposed to the ALAC that this whole

process was left to the Executive Committee and I may have connectivity problems, but I certainly heard no objection to that, and therefore no indication that others on the Executive Committee, with the obvious standing down of Tijani in that process, would be required by the ALAC to be doing that job. At least that's what the ALAC meeting discussed, or should I say didn't discuss last night. Because when Alan proposed it nobody disagreed.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you Cheryl. Rinalia?

RINALIA ABDUL RAHIM: Thank you Olivier, this is Rinalia. I agree with Cheryl, based on my recollection of last night's meeting, nobody objected to Alan's recommendation or suggestion that the ExCom take on the responsibility for, I suppose, assessment and (inaudible) because that was not specified, but I suppose that was implied. One more thing I wanted to mention is Olivier you suggested candidates from every region, it actually depends on demand. It is possible that you may not get a candidate for a region and we should be open to that and we should just assess whoever is interested. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Rinalia, right now we have a candidate from each region.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yeah, thank you Tijani, that's right. At the moment, looking at the page, we've...

RINALIA ABDUL RAHIM: Oh that's good to know.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: We've got one from each region, which is great. I know that there are a handful of regions where more candidates are forthcoming. Let's see, because there are two schools of thought – one thing which I was asked by Sebastien was to really give them a chance if they do have to play with geographical balance and so on; give them a chance to make the choices themselves, so for the Chairs of that working group to make the choices themselves.

I'm even inclined, looking at the list of all the fine people that we have there, to give the green light to the working group Chairs to choose whoever they want without us providing any – I mean we can endorse all of them basically except if we have really serious reservations about a person or another. But otherwise why put them against each other? Why not just endorse everyone? Just a thought.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Olivier, it's Cheryl here. It's kind of second guessing ourselves at the moment because you don't know how many people are going to be coming between now and the third. But if it stays as it is then your list is your list. If you get seven or nine or ten or 24 then you may need to consider something as simple as "is known to" or "is well known to" or "Is not well known to" that ALAC. And leave it at that.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: I think that that would probably be a thing, although using the term “is known to” or “Is well known to” is another concern because that would effectively just be, some people would argue they would just help insiders rather than bringing in more people into the...

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: And can I just argue to the counter? If someone has never been to attend ICANN meetings, or has not contributed in any way, shape or form to the At-Large community, why should they be promoted just because they’re fresh? I mean I can pop up to the coffee shop tomorrow morning and ask someone to put their name in, that won’t be a problem. How well they’ll serve our community would be.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: The eternal discussion.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: I’m not Avri.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Really? I was confused at some point; I thought you were. Tijani, go ahead.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes Olivier, I understand your point but for this kind of work we need people who knows very well the process, who knows very well the concept of At-Large people and for sure we need new blood, but not in this kind of working group. Thank you.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Here, here.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay point taken. Well look, I think at the moment we are spending time on a case. If the list is just as it is, and I know by the fact that the Chair of the working group is also a person who has originally come from At-Large, he would have a good idea of who is well known to the community and who is not. So for the time being, let's just leave it at that. If the list suddenly grows to 25 people then we will have to discuss a means to make a short list.

I like the idea of "is well known" or "is not well known"; I think that's quite a simple thing. Having more than just two levels "is well known" or "is not well known" is a bit more than we should really go into. A bit considered about...

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: "Unknown" is reasonable.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: "Unknown," that's another thought. Well unfortunately I guess I know everyone on that list, so.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Olivier?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Go ahead Tijani, yes.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I prefer “well known,” “known” and “not well known.”

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: “Well known,” “known,” and “not well known.” Okay, I’m okay with that; anybody else?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: That works.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Alright, sounds like we have a plan. So let’s just keep it that for the time being and see if there is a dramatic growth. I’m not sure when this closes. The closing day of the comments is I guess on the 4th, so we’ll keep past the 4th, immediately after the 4th and we’ll take it from there. And we have 10 days to make our choice at that point and be able to send it out. Right, let’s move on, going back to the agenda page, and one thing is saying it and the other thing is actually finding the agenda page. There we go.

We have agenda item number five, the At-Large meeting schedule for the 46th ICANN meeting in Beijing. Heidi, you have the floor.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay, hi everyone. So we have 27, 28 meetings if you count the reception with the Board and the ALAC, so At-Large groups. So what

we'd like to do is just go over some of the agendas and then talk about conditional meetings that you may wish to have; again, the established meetings. Matt, could you please put the point to the Sunday page? Matt, can you...? Okay thanks Matt. So okay, just staring – Olivier, how much time would you like to give to this? It will depend on what I review then.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: At the moment, well it's 10 to and some of us have to leave exactly at the top of the hour, so I think about...

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay let me just, okay.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: About 10 minutes would be fine if you want. I'm not sure we have that much more to discuss on the ALAC meeting, and I haven't heard anyone asking for any other business, so.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay. Let me just go over to the highlights then. So one of the questions that are outstanding – “Would the ALAC like to have a meeting with the SSAC?” And Olivier, I think that you said that you were in favor of it, and I think Sunday would be a good time, Sunday or Tuesday. That Sunday we are pretty much full, but we could make some wiggle room. Hot topics, that's going to be, right now that was supposed to be [Atlas II] discussions.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yeah. I'm in favor of meeting with the SSAC for several reasons. One, they have much knowledge about IDNs; they also have provided us with much knowledge about WHOIS. And I know that, I know from Julie, who is on the call that the SSAC is working on a number of things, which unfortunately Julie cannot tell us about or she would have to kill us if she did. But certainly there will be several things which she will be able to share, and the SSAC will be able to share over in Beijing. Julie, a couple of words?

JULIE HAMMER: Yes, I think that would be really useful and particularly to us, the SSAC particularly Patrik to just speak about the working groups that are in progress and provide an opportunity for ALAC to ask questions about them.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, perfect Julie. So yes to the SSAC.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay my next question than is how much time. What we could do is just squeeze a little bit of time. I know that there have been calls to allow more time on each of the agenda items, but we always seem to be in this situation. So what we could do is we have 15 minutes allocated to both At-Large Beijing reporting, which we generally don't need that much time, it's sort of put in there just as a catch up. And we have an ALAC working session wrap-up, again that's 15 minutes. So if we cut

that down we could squeeze in maybe 30 minutes or so with the SSAC.
Is that enough time?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Julie, you have your hand up still?

JULIE HAMMER: If 30 minutes were scheduled I wouldn't be surprised if it went over time. But I wonder if it could be scheduled immediately before a break so that if it did go over time it would have less impact.

HEIDI ULLRICH: So 40 minutes I think, that would be a more appropriate time?

JULIE HAMMER: Yeah, I guess, I think so because I do think that often the ALAC have a lot of questions for the SSAC and as I day I find it difficult to be able to answer because I'm sort of advised that I can't talk about anything that's not public. But Patrick of course can talk about whatever he likes.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay, so just a couple of questions then. Olivier, do you need 30 minutes for the DSSA update, which is currently scheduled 16:45 to 17:15?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: God no.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: No.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay. How long do you need?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: 10 minutes.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Oh okay. I'm going to put in 15 and then I'll just leave it in for about 40 minutes or so.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: The status with the DSSA at the moment is nothing has been done since the last meeting, and so we're all still waiting. There will be something, some movement, but probably not that much, so that's fine. 10 minutes is fine for DSSA.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay, so then let's move to Tuesday; Matt, could you put the link for Tuesday? Easiest way everyone to do that is just go up and click on Tuesday; let me go ahead and... So again, if I could just ask you to look at both ALAC policy one and policy two sessions and just double check those agendas. So currently what we're focusing on is similar to what we did in Toronto with the real focus on the working groups to encourage them to take a large part in policy development.

So we have a large update significant time for let's say Academy, for the Future Challenges Working Group, IDN Working Group and the RRR, the Registrant Rights and Responsibilities, and the WHOIS Working Group. Is that going to be okay with everyone? And then Cheryl and [Mario] and Adam are confirmed for [12:00 to 13:00]. I'm hearing nothing. Do I take that as okay?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: I think so.

HEIDI ULLRICH: That's fine, thanks Rinalia.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: That's fine – so that's great.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay, so then moving down to ALAC policy discussion part two, again, a lot of time on this one and I think it worked well in Toronto. A full hour to talk about policy development working groups, ALAC Working Group relations; I think that was just the first start in Toronto, that was my sense of it. And then the second hour was ALAC At-Large policy development, ALAC and RALO relations; and I don't know why that's going on for five minutes, but I'll correct that. But I'm just wondering is that what you'd like to discuss as well; a full hour for items?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: What are you going to do in ALAC RALO relations?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Olivier?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you Heidi. ALAC RALO relations will effectively be the extension of the work that the ALAC does into the RALOs. At the moment, the RALOs are, the whole point of At-Large is to channel in input from our At-Large structures. When there is a public comment out there we usually send this over out there and say “Anybody is ready to comment”; I’d really like to see a more proactive movement from the RALO leadership to push this over to their communities and actively have discussions.

In fact, strangely enough, LACRALO has been doing some of this. I’m saying “strangely enough” in that sometimes when working in two different languages it’s a lot harder to do this then working in a single language. But LACRALO has actually managed to push some policy discussion over to the local level and come back with consolidated views; sometimes unconsolidated views. I don’t know whether this is the right method, but it certainly would get RALOs to be more involved with the policy development, rather than at the moment, where you just have a very small subset and then RALOs come back a few weeks after the statement has been filed, or At-Large structures come back a few weeks after the statement has been filed and says “Oh we didn’t know about this.”

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Okay in that case, could I suggest you actually change the title of that section, because what you described in not relations, it's a policy development process for RALOs; it's a greater engagement for RALO and ALSes in policy development, which would lead from your ALAC Working Group relations. But I think today what you've said is not described in that title. Happy with what you've said, it's just not described in the title.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: So ALAC RALO policy development.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Or ALAC RALO – you know how ALAC does its policy, public policy, but what you wanted to discuss is how the ALSes and RALOs are going to contribute.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: RALO engagement then, as Rinalia's mentioned on the...

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Either (inaudible) for via ALAC, all of which are open.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, I think that's fine. I see Rinalia said "AALC policy development, RALO engagement" ...

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: It would have to say “RALO and ALS” because remember RALOs are not required to actually be engaged in policy development. ALSes are required to be involved in policy development; the RALOs are a mechanism by which that is or can be aggregated.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay, that’s lovely.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: So yeah, you can amend this Heidi.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Can you just – so what exactly, I heard a few so can you, I’m in edit mode right now, so Olivier could you just tell me exactly what it should read?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: ALAC policy, sorry, At-Large policy development/RALO engagement, I think is...

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: RALO and ALS engagement.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: RALO and ALS engagement, there we go, yeah.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Perfect, okay.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Olivier?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: It's a real concern for me, so. Yes Tijani, go ahead.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you. Since ALSes are the members of the RALO, if we say RALO members we mean and we define the ALSes. So I see it as RALO engagement rather than RALO and ALSes, because the members of – or RALO member engagement.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: I have to totally disagree with you Tijani, and I'll tell you why. Historically it was ALSes, we didn't even have RALOs, and traditionally many ALSes, my own included put policy comments directly to ICANN without having anything to do with their RALO, and yet that is still an active way of being engaged in the At-Large. The other reason is the way that's said, at least from the way it sounds in Asia Pacific, is that there is an expectation that it will be the RALO often seen as the leadership team that will be doing the input and that's not what we want.

We want to very much focus on the ALSes. In fact, I'd almost ditch RALO from that and just say "ALS involvement," but you know...all of

that will be reviewed and you can really do what you like because all of it will be reviewed when the next review is done anyway.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: I have to say that I agree with this, it's Olivier for the transcript. I agree with the fact that ALSes need to engage directly as well with the policy development. In fact, if we were to make it look like the policy input was from ALS to RALO, RALO to ALAC, ALAC to statement in such a structured way we would probably be facing criticism that we're basically trying to keep RALOs away from policy. And I cannot think of a reason why we would want to do that. Sorry?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Olivier, I didn't say that. I didn't say that we need to make the policy development contribution through the RALO. I said that the ALSes are the members of the RALO, so if you want to avoid the RALOs you can say "ALS engagement." But I still say that a RALO is made of ALSes; RALO doesn't exist without ALSes so when we say "RALO members" I mean the ALSes. And I don't mean that they need to submit their contribution through the RALOs.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Why do you object specifically to RALO and ALS? Why do you object to ALS being mentioned, Tijani?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: If we say RALO and ALS we say the same thing, because RALO is made of ALSes. So just say ALS engagement and that's all.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: That's fine. Just ALSes is better than the other way, and I guess it's a good opportunity, Olivier, I don't know whether I'll be in the room at this time or not in that Beijing meeting, but if I'm not, it's an ideal time for you to remind everyone in the room, particularly the RALO leadership that the focus of the next review will be on the continuing purpose and effectiveness of RALOs, since RALOs are a creation which are supposed to facilitate the work of the ALSes, nothing more.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: I'm glad that you understand, you're all on the ball on this one. The thinking behind these two sessions by the way, of course ALAC Working Group relations is to do with pushing the policy more into the working groups because we are sizing up, we are scaling up and I think it's working quite well. I'm pretty pleased with the way things are going at the moment; I hope you're all in agreement on this. And maybe there is more we can do to improve this, but also that the ALAC...

And I see that Rinalia has said "Stakeholder Engagement" maybe. So that could be something we could mention. ALAC Stakeholder Engagement, whichever way, whatever we call that session is really to basically put the pressure on RALOs and on the whole community, on At-Large structures to do their bit. I am increasingly cringing on the numbers of thousands, not thousands, hundreds of At-Large structures around the world. And then when speaking to people from At-Large structures, finding out they actually have no idea whatsoever what's going on. And we need to get active ALSes out there, and if it means we need to cut down on the total number of At-Large structures then so be

it. It's better to have a smaller number of really active ALSes that really make a difference than have large numbers of deadwood.

And I think that many RALOs, RALO leaderships are actually in agreement. I certainly have had some informal feedback from several telling me "Yes, we like that, we want that"; it's a win-win for everyone. Because otherwise, the amount of resources that RALO Chairs and leadership waste trying to engage ALSes that are just not willing to do anything is a load on them as well.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: So total focusing on ALSes and At-Large stakeholders, ALSes and At-Large stakeholders (inaudible), that's fine.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay thank you. So let's move on; Heidi, back to you.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay, I know that Rinalia has to go, so I just wanted to switch it over to Gisella just for a moment. Gisella, do you have audio?

GISELLA GRUBER: I've got audio if you can hear me.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay, so I'm going to have Gisella make an announcement, and I hope everyone is sitting.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Oh dear.

GISELLA GRUBER: I'd just like to say that I'm not coming to Beijing; I won't be able to make Beijing, unfortunately. I was very much looking forward to it. But I'll make sure that my part of the, my usual work that I do on the ground, I'll make sure that it's covered and that I do a handover, which I'm usually quite meticulous about. And there's a reason behind that, is that we will be adding to the At-Large younger community as of September.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Wow!

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Yay!

[Applause]

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Excellent.

GISELLA GRUBER: Thank you.

HEIDI ULLRICH: What's his nickname? What's little [tyke's] nickname?

GISELLA GRUBER: You don't want to know. I've always, because the father is three-quarters Austrian I told him that if he's not careful I'll call the child Wolfgang. So now we, with my sister, have a standing joke that little one is called Wolfie and in the morning it's [Has] Wolfie.

[laughter]

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Oh wow. Congratulations Gisella.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Heartfelt congratulations. It was the biggest secret I had to hold in me for a long time.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: My goodness.

HEIDI ULLRICH: We're all so happy for you, Gisella. Even though you will be terribly, terribly missed.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Incredible.

HEIDI ULLRICH: So that also means...

GISELLA GRUBER: Sorry, as the doctor said “May (inaudible) help this baby,” so there you go.

HEIDI ULLRICH: So, that’s fantastic news, but I know you’re all thinking in the back of your mind “Oh my gosh, what does that mean.” So that means that Gisella will unfortunately not be with us for the next several meetings. So she’ll be back in Singapore. I know that Gisella is such an integral part of our meetings, so as much as I’m happy for her I’m also a little bit concerned. But we’ve already made plans and there’s, for Beijing, a new person who is absolutely excellent. Her name is Susie Johnson. She works right next to me and Gisella is going to be in LA in two weeks, so they’ll be having meetings so there will be a smooth handover.

She’s not going to be at the level of Gisella obviously, but I think that she’ll be at the level to where we’ll make – if we all work together we’ll make it.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: And I can’t imagine Gisella not micromanaging her remotely anyway, but that’s okay. That’s a good thing.

HEIDI ULLRICH: So I think, Gisella, if you want to work with Olivier and Cheryl on how you guys are going to control their lives, which I think you can do...

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: She can do that.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yeah. So it will be okay, and I assure you of that. David knows and we're already making plans. The good news is that he also seems to be looking forward to having an ICANN daycare in London for the Summit, so there will be many little babies there.

[laughter]

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Excellent, a nursery.

[crosstalk]

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: The old nursery ALS, yeah that's right. That's good capacity building, jut build it from scratch.

[crosstalk]

GISELLA GRUBER: To be quite honest, for the staff that do have babies to have a little something set up would be absolutely wonderful.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: They'd give very good management in all seriousness. Tell David we can take him very seriously on that and I can get him accolades from any number of women in this group if he does so.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Go for it! Excellent.

[crosstalk]

HEIDI ULLRICH: Tell the CEO of Yahoo about that one.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: I'll have no problem mentioning that actually. I might start with his wife however.

[laughter]

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay, thank you Gisella, and again congratulations. So okay, so just I know you're running over time, but what we could do is please just make sure, and we can make an announce on this that we need

questions for the public forum. We have, so far, two, they've been sent to Brad White. He said that we can go ahead and send them in by next Monday even if we need to. We have questions to the Board that we need to prepare.

The reception on Tuesday will be 6:00 to 7:00; 18:00 to 19:00, and that has been confirmed for all of the At-Large community, so that will be the APRALO ALSes as well, and the liaisons as well, so that's good news. So I'm just waiting to hear back whether they'll be audio possibilities there or a microphone, etc, or if it's just going to be a total social event with no speeches, etc.

Oh and then sorry, just really quickly on Friday, on the ExCom, I've put that in there. Let me just go ahead and put that link in there again. Okay, so again, on Friday morning I've heard that there is going to be an ISOC Board meeting. So that means that some of the key people, for example Steve Crocker, may not be there. So I've put David, he's confirmed for Friday morning. We also, I would like to ask if you would like Steve Antonoff; he's going to be there. This is going to his last meeting as part of Constituency Travel.

So he's in a transition over to Diane, and I'm just blanking out on her name, [Shriner] – thank you, [Shriner]. So, she won't be there, but he would be able to feedback anything that you wanted to talk about on travel. So I think if we gave him 20 to 30 minutes, I think that would be a good use of your time, but that's up to you. And then, this is sort of a new idea of mine, since we have a very short time between Beijing and Durbin, I put in just 30 minutes of next steps to Durbin, just so there

could possibly be a “what are the key activities that ALAC and AFRALO as the host would like to do prior to Durbin.”

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Definitely. There is another thing perhaps that you should also note please Heidi. Next steps to Durbin, I wonder could we also have “next steps to EuroDIG,” since there is going to be a EURALO General Assembly going on at EuroDIG.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay, did you want that to be at the ExCom or did you want that maybe, where would you like that to be?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: I think it might be worth just talking about it. I don’t know whether Wolfe Ludwig will already be gone by that time, but it might be interesting to have an actual update to the ExCom from Wolfe about what’s going on in Europe. Because it is, EURALO is an inherent coop of At-Large that’s happening before Durbin.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay, I’ll find out and let you know.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: That’s the EURALO General Assembly that will take place at EuroDIG in Lisbon in early June. Tijani, go ahead.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Mid-June actually.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Mid-June, sorry yeah.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yeah, 19th.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Go ahead Tijani.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay thank you Olivier. Thank you, Heidi, for adding the 30 minutes for the AFRALO at ICANN joint meeting. It was by our request and it was to include the African Strategy Working Group in this meeting, since the audience is the same, so we show that it can be done in the same meeting. Second point now for Thursday, I have seen that the Chinese event is between two meetings, or two activities that are attended by At-Large people, and I see that there is half an hour from one side and half an hour from the other side that is an overlap.

I do think that we need to give this event, this Chinese event the great importance because I remember in Nairobi and also in Dakar I was very, very happy to see all the At-Large community attending our events. And I think that it is a kind of encouragement or even more that gives energy to people who are doing these activities. I do think that we need to arrange this because I see that there is the possibility, 30 minutes is easy to manage I think. For example, start a little bit later and make the

DSSA Working Group start one hour later. And we can displace the APRALO monthly meeting for a half an hour and it will be okay for all people.

So please try to make this effort to make the Chinese event attended by all the At-Large community. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much Tijani. I heard that Cheryl had her hand up, so Cheryl.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thank you very much Tijani, I see what you're saying. But what I'm going to say now is truly from an Asia Pacific perspective. This is not an Asia Pacific meeting that At-Large is invited to. This is a Chinese speaking community of At-Large structures who wish to correspond and have a meeting in Chinese language. They want to meet with each other. They want to bring their Board members together. So just to be very clear that this is not as it was an African meeting in Nairobi where the rest of At-Large attended, this is very much a "within country" focus.

It is also something that the significance in country and geographic diversity, but not admittedly in total population all of Asia Pacific would fail, is creating a somewhat biased focus if we spend as much attention on that meeting as we do to the showcase and the regional wide activities, which is certainly where we would like to see everyone coming. And there are also, and I'll talk to Heidi and Olivier and Rinalia here, some concerns that without squeezing it out where it is it would not happen at all, which is certainly not something that we want.

The alternative to this is to have the Chinese speaking ALSes gathering together offsite in a town hall type situation, and that was one of the alternatives. I could say a lot more but I would prefer not to at this point.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much Cheryl. And in fact, there is an APRALO, an At-Large and APRALO multi stakeholder roundtable that takes place on the Monday afternoon from 17:00 to 19:00 that does bring the whole community. And I think that would be seen as the equivalent to the AFRALO Afri ICANN session.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Absolutely.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Wider and that's on the Monday, from 17:00 to 18:00 and then 18:00 to 19:00. There are a lot of people in that and that's going to be quite a major, a very major thing actually. So the session with Hong I understand is all in Chinese. That's of course it's also a very important session. I will certainly be going to that session as well, but to think that this is the main session for the local, for the region is actually just-

[crosstalk]

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: I see Rinalia has got her hand up, Rinalia, you have the floor.

RINALIA ABDUL RAHIM: Thank you Olivier; this is Rinalia for the record, and it's not about Hong's session. I actually want to ask Heidi if there is any update regarding the Internet Governance Session that is scheduled to clash with our APRALO roundtable. Heidi?

HEIDI ULLRICH: This is Heidi, thank you Rinalia. Not yet but I'm going to personally find out today face-to-face from key people.

RINALIA ABDUL RAHIM: Thank you. And do ask them if they could change their session; that would be good for us.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yeah I know, I saw that, but I highly doubt that will be possible because there's another session right prior to that. So what's happening is that they have now changed the whole schedule of the meetings, the main meetings to go along with the new management structure, so each of the key departments has their meetings in key times. So that's why there's not a time slot two hours prior to that, because there's already a meeting in that time slot, it's a DNS meeting, new gTLDs DNS meeting. So there couldn't be two main meetings doubled up.

RINALIA ABDUL RAHIM: Yeah, and then Edmon tells me that he has JIG meetings scheduled about the same time as well.

HEIDI ULLRICH: I don't know what to say about that.

RINALIA ABDUL RAHIM: Anyway, we'll sort it out.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you Rinalia. The issue of these meetings is very complex because of the fact that there are some meetings that just cannot be moved. For example, the DSSA meeting, which Tijani alluded to and mentioned could perhaps be moved one hour later is actually not at At-Large meeting, it's a cross-community meeting. And that's already had a tough time finding a slot in the wider sense. So because several of us are part of the DSSA we had to finish the regional leadership wrap-up before the start of the DSSA.

And there is also, on that day, there is also a stakeholder engagement, I think it's on the Thursday isn't it, yeah it's on the Thursday. Isn't Sally Costerton's Global Stakeholder Engagement taking place on that day as well?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Sorry, this is Heidi for the record. Sally's session will remain on Thursday and [Tariq's] session will now move to Monday late afternoon.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you. So when is Sally's session? Sally Costerton is Chair of Global Stakeholder...

HEIDI ULLRICH: Sally's session is I believe 11:00 to 12:30, so basically we scheduled the wrap-up session to miss that one.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Right, so now Sally's session is particularly important since global stakeholder engagement is one of our core things, so that of course then precludes us from finishing our wrap-up any later than 11:00 on Thursday; that's why. And Rinalia, you've put your hand up.

RINALIA ABDUL RAHIM: Oh sorry, no-no.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay back to you Heidi.

HEIDI ULLRICH: I think that's it from me. I again will send the ExCom and everyone the links for the various meeting pages. Olivier did you want to, just very briefly, we had a meeting with Maguy, Olivier and I, just to talk about how those sessions can be improved a bit, and we'll continue that discussion when Olivier is in town; in Los Angeles.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yeah. I'm meeting up with people when I'll be in town, the week after next; going to the ATRT 2 meeting, then Heidi has very kindly managed to fill any time that I could otherwise use in leisure or sleeping or doing

something that's obviously not worth doing, and therefore spending every minute and hour of the day.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: She's very good at that.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: So that's one thing. Before we close this little chapter, just one more thing; I'm just putting a link to- Rinalia, before you go, just think of one more thing, that link has got links to various questions and well to all of the things that are going to happen in Beijing, and has got links to the questions pages. The questions page are particularly important. For example, the At-Large Beijing GAC questions workspace. Now, let's go through each one of these first.

So the GAC questions workspace, I think that we will not have a meeting with the GAC. I've been given the, well, all Chairs of SOs and QACs have been given an advance notice by Heather Dryden, Chair of the GAC that they will be working primarily on the new gTLD objections process, and they are trying to maximize the amount of time they will spend on there. However we are asking to have a lunch with GAC leadership and so we need to develop some questions and some subjects to discuss.

Same thing for the ICANN Board questions workspace. We will be meeting with the Board. Same thing with the Beijing Global Stakeholder Engagement questions, etc. And I bring your attention specifically at the moment to the topics for the public forum. As Heidi mentioned, we need to have those by the end of this week. So please put those in. Talk to your community, ask the questions, put them in there. Because

otherwise just a handful of us will put the questions and when we end up having the meeting everyone turns around and goes “Why are we talking about these subjects, they’re boring subjects. We would like to talk about something else.” Well I’m sorry. The way to touch on topics is to put the questions on the Wiki in advance. That’s my little rant for the day. And please forward this rant to everyone else around.

So, I think we can go to number five, review of the 26th of February ALAC meeting. We’ve touched on so many parts of it already. Does anyone have to add anything to this?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Olivier no.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes Heidi if you wish to. Sorry Heidi, Cheryl.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: No I’m saying that would be a no.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Oh that would be a no, okay. I didn’t hear that. Okay, well then it looks like we’re going to be able to fly through this rather quickly. So we’re into any other business. Now I might take a little bit more than three minutes for this, just to let you know that earlier today I’ve had a one hour call with Cherine Chalaby who is the Chair of the New gTLD Board Subcommittee. We spoke specifically on two subjects. First, had a brief chat on the movements for the At-Large Summit.

As you know, Cherine also holds another hat, which is the Chair of Board Finance Committee, finding out whether there was anything that we needed to do right now. And from what I understood from him things were proceeding forward quite well. The meeting which everyone had, well which everyone but me, but which Sebastien and Heidi and Cherine and Sally Costerton had over when they met in Playa Vista. I keep on thinking Playa De Sol which makes it more of a holiday destination than Playa Vista.

The meeting in Playa Vista went well, so all of that is well in hand and we're on track to present a good budget for the At-Large Summit. With regards to any other SO and AC requests that we might wish to file, it looks as though we can, let's just file our usual requests and let the Board deal with it. If we're going to just focus on one thing, let us not shoot ourselves in the foot on something else around it, it's a bit dangerous to shoot ourselves in the foot, because if we don't ask for it then we definitely will not have it. And I'm looking specifically, for example, at our involvement with the IGF.

I have heard some say "Oh maybe we shouldn't file for any involvement with the IGF, and so we shouldn't send anybody to Bali this year," and I think that would be silly bearing the amount of impact that we've had, the positive impact we've had in Baku. We can play on this and then move things back. So that's one thing. The other thing was the new gTLD process follow-up on the correspondence that we had sent with regards to the consumer metrics.

And the feedback has been that the Board has not even started looking at the consumer metrics question yet. So we are not arriving when the

ship has already sailed, and the ship is unlikely to sail before Beijing anyway, which gives us a green light to get Evan to assemble his small team of people to develop an additional set of metrics which are very user centered. So I'll be providing Evan with a green light to move forward full steam ahead on this. Any questions or comments on that?

I see no one putting their hand up, okay. So that's the call with Cherine and he was very pleased that I provided more explanation and background to how this has all come to be. And also very much looking forward to having the ALAC supply solutions, send solutions to the Board and solutions to his team, rather than just say "We don't like that." That's a view heard from several Board members, and I think we've got the good end of the stake on this.

Another call which I had today, my goodness it's been a busy afternoon, was a one hour call with Sally Costerton who was the person I was speaking to just before this call. And we touched on several things. First we touched on the Summit as well, because as you will remember I had a meeting with her earlier this year discussing early discussions about the Summit, and she has been a key component of the discussions in Playa Vista and has also provided me some very positive feedback on that.

And the rest of the discussion was about the capacity building, the Global Stakeholder Engagement, which she is leading at the moment. And also the current capacity building that the At-Large community and the ALAC and the RALO and the ALSes are already involved in. I don't think she was entirely aware about all of the work that we had done, so I spoke to her at length about the ICANN Academy, the Leadership

Program that Filiz, having left, now Denise Michel is picking up that and obviously there might be even some work that this working group has done that will help the Global Stakeholder Engagement.

It looks as though GSE is just going to be an extension, or an extrapolation of the initial work that was done by Kurt before the whole pyramid, etc. This seemed to be going somehow in that direction. I'm not sure what the whole thing is, but the session that Sally will be running in Beijing is actually going to be able to focus on what the community wants to do, and I think that we should really, this is really why that session is so important for us; it's so important for us to move forward on this.

I have told Sally that it is important that she does not try with her department to reinvent the wheel, and therefore really take into account this ICANN Academy, which has a multi stakeholder membership from all across, SO, AC and SGs. And I think she wasn't too knowledgeable about this. So that was one thing. And I gather maybe Heidi, if you wish to add a couple of more things afterwards I'll finish with what I discussed with Sally, and obviously you've also had some extensive discussions with Sally on these things.

I've explained the RALO Capacity Building Programs that have been working quite well so far. And it's been a learning curve, but it certainly is something which ICANN could learn from as well, so another of these things that she needs to be aware of. And last but not least, actually two more things, one, the overall Capacity Building Working Groups which is in operation which is going to coordinate between the RALOs and help all of the RALOs help each other.

And on top of that finally, the Outreach Working Group, which I have told her we are still at early stage, and that we'll effectively be looking at finding more At-Large structures, expanding our operations, expanding our space and bringing more people into the program. I think that she was pretty pleased to hear all of that information. And the reason why I thought about speaking to her directly was to effectively make sure that she is aware – I've heard in the past, well, from what I have heard so far, I had feelings that there was a little bit too much top-down and not enough bottom-up.

And this is the primary reason for wanting to speak to her directly, and thankfully, Sally has spent an hour with me on the phone on this. So I think she got the message now, and I look forward that we can follow-up on this. Questions, comments, anything that you'd like to add or contribute? Yes Tijani, go ahead.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Olivier, did you speak with Sally about the Summit, because you didn't say anything about that.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Yes Tijani, I mentioned that just earlier. Yes I have spoken with Sally about the Summit. That was the first part of our conversation. We spoke about the Summit. She was one of the key people to say she's starting with an excellent thing. And Sally has been part of the key working group; I wouldn't even call it working group, but the key group of people in Los Angeles who have been working on this. I know that she has spoken to Fadi Chehade, she has spoken to Xavier, she has of

course spoken at length with Sebastien, and she has also spoken at length with Heidi. So staff are working on this already, so everyone is pretty positive on it. In fact, I think that if there's just one thing, there was initially a question as to how much pushback there would be, and so far it's all quite positive.

Heidi, were you about to say something?

HEIDI ULLRICH:

Yeah this is Heidi, just very quickly. Sebastien and I went into this meeting with key staff basically ready to make a pitch for it, and the first thing that Sally said was "Well let's just see how to make it work." And the whole conversation switched to some of the more details and the process on how to get it approved rather than having Sebastien or I needing to make a case for it. So she's very positive for the Summit.

And if I could just have the floor to make one short comment on capacity building?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Yes go ahead Heidi.

HEIDI ULLRICH:

I've been in contact with Denise on this. There is a new person coming on, he's a contractor based in London who is going to be working closely in this area. I'm having a call with him early next week. He's been sent an extensive email with all of the At-Large capacity building that the various working groups, activities in the regions, AFRALO, LACRALO, etc. And I'm hoping that this person who's going to be leading the new

program, or helping the community lead a new program, will be with us on Monday during the Capacity Building Working Group session in Beijing. Either face-to-face or virtually.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: That's great, thank you. Thank you very much Heidi. Just one more thing from me on this actually, when I mentioned the ICANN Academy and Leadership Program, Sally immediately mentioned Sandra Hoferichter's name, so she is well aware of this. But she had not received the results of the latest work of the committee, which is this survey which they have asked many people in SOs, ACs, and SGs to produce.

I'm not sure if this survey is all analyzed etc; I think that's the current work of the working group. But certainly I would hope that this working group manages to analyze this before the Beijing meeting. And Sally did say she would be interested in receiving a copy of this. She said she will get in touch directly with Sandra to have a copy of that. Tijani?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, thank you Olivier. As for the working group on the ICANN Academy, in the program we have scheduled at least one call before Beijing. And before that we said that we need to have the survey analysis done before and sent on the list before so that in the call we will make decisions, not speak about or read again. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Great stuff, thank you Tijani. So that's my update for today. Any other questions or comments; any other business?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Can I have two small pieces of any other business?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes go ahead Cheryl, please.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thank you. The first one is I've been involved, and I'm not the only person, and I'm thinking am I the only person - Tijani are you involved in the ICANN, I can't use the word cross-community because that has inflammatory reactions for some people outside of our community, outreach group. It's a very long list of people anyway.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: No, not me. I think there is another one from AFRALO who is involved in it.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Okay yeah, I didn't think I was the only person but yeah. Something else that I think will take off again in all seriousness again after Beijing, it's probably not going to get a lot more done before Beijing, but I just wanted to get everyone else to remind me that we should, in Durbin, have some sort of melding with our own small version of these things and what's going on ICANN wide. I think by then it will be a little more crystallized. It just struck me that there is this necro thing going on and

we as an entity are not necessarily keeping a close eye on it, although I am in it.

And the other thing was, Olivier if you mentioned talking with Maguy when you were in Los Angeles. She would be a very wise lady indeed from a perspective at least of the Asia Pacific area if she was prepared to ask, to answer, sorry, questions in Beijing in particular as to whether or not with the closing of the Sydney office of ICANN and all of the compliance going god only knows where, and so we don't have Pamela Little or any of those people anymore, Pam or Kim, working in the Asia Pacific space, specifically the Asia space in local languages with the significant compliance issues that are going on there.

Is that now going to operate out of the new Singapore office or what? Notice the tone in my voice there.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you Cheryl. The answer I think was yes, rather than or what. She did mention it on our call that the loss of people in the office in Sydney was due to nothing related to compliance itself.

[crosstalk]

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: We want people who actually speak, we need people who speak local Asian languages. Therefore it's important that it operates out of something like a Singapore office, that's all.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: So that's why the answer was yes. I think the local language you're speaking about specifically is Chinese for example, and yes, she has said that they are beefing up their Chinese staff, Chinese speaking staff, and that they are also making use of contractors that do speak Chinese.

[crosstalk]

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Hopefully reorganize things whilst at the same time also growing your department and growing with significantly good people.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: I'm taking it from the consumer point of view and most of the issues in this region come out of a few hot spots. And we just, as when we're meeting in Beijing, some ALSes who are concerned about this may very well ask that question, so as long as she's prepared to answer that's all I was saying.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: I think that she would be glad to ask the same thing.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Good that's awesome.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: And she would be using, she has also had some calls recently, apparently with the Chinese office and with Chinese registrars and registries. And she had been using Chinese interpreters. Now I'm not quite sure whether that's satisfactory, but that's the current details.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: And she might also be well advised to remember that China might be a large population but it was one of, I think, what are we talking, 58 countries maybe.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Mm-hmm.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: And with IDNs there's going to be a lot more compliance issues not a lot less.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yipee! And on that note with this great fun and games and happiness, I ask one last time is there any, any other business from anyone here? I don't see anyone putting their hand up. The time is 16:43 UTC, we're 43 minutes behind schedule to close this call, but it's been very productive, so thanks to everyone. Thank you very much to staff. Congratulations again to Gisella. And it's going to take a while for me to get that sinking in.

And well done for having lasted one hour and 43 minutes. Thanks everybody, have a good weekend and this call is now adjourned.

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