
NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Good evening everyone. Welcome to AFRALO's meeting on this Wednesday, March 13, 2013. We have Yaovi Atohoum, Michel Tchonang, Fatimata Seye Sylla, Tijani Ben Jemaa, and Aziz Hilali on the French channel. Hadja Ouattara and Baudouin Schombe are going to join us later. On the English channel we have Adetokunbo Abiola, TT Akinsanmi, and Mistura Aruna. We have received apologies from Olivier Crépin-Leblond and Janvier Ngoulaye. From the staff members we have Silvia Vivanco and Nathalie Peregrine. Our interpreters will be Camila and Claire.

May I remind you to please state your names before you speak so that the interpreters can identify you on the English channel and for transcript purposes. Please speak slowly for the interpreters to interpret you accurately. Thank you and Fatimata, over to you.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Thank you Nathalie. The next item on the agenda is the open policy issue. Today isn't a typical day. All of this has been posted on our Wiki page and you are welcome to read it, but there is a very important issue that we are going to come back to with Tijani later, which is our fiscal year 2014 budget. We have a deadline to make and Tijani will address us on this item. This is to me the main item of the day and I would like to support it, unless Tijani, Yaovi, and all of the rest of you want to have a look at the open policy issues, or want to skip directly to this item. Please let me know.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Fatimata, there is no point in discussing this.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Does everyone agree with Tijani? Yaovi, what do you think?

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YAOVI ATOHOUN: Yes, agreed. Thank you. We can go on.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Okay. We're going to skip directly to item number three, that is reports. Number one is on recent and upcoming activities of ALAC. TT is not with us, so we have Yaovi and Tijani who will be filling us in on this report. Tijani, you have raised your hand. Go ahead.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you. I was absent for our last ALAC meeting for personal reasons. My mother had some health issues and on top of that I was away, so I missed those teleconferences and I wasn't able to follow on the activities.

But I'd like to tell you that ALAC's main activity was the ending or the termination of these Rules of Procedure that we've been discussing. They discussed the domain .health, which ALAC is voting as we speak.

There was also a capacity building session organized by the working groups for capacity building. They tried to gather information and that is why you must have received a request for you to check and double check the information included there that does exist.

With regards to capacity building, there is also another item that is that ICANN has hired a consultant that is very knowledgeable in remote education. We are going to have a teleconference with him in the future.

With regards to our Beijing meeting, we have organized our meetings on the working day with regards to capacity building and the ICANN Academy working group also. That is what I had to say with regards to capacity building. Then ALAC has also worked on the preparation of ICANN's meeting for all of the timeframes and slots we will have there.

The last item I'd like to talk about is the fact that ICANN and ALAC are trying to work on an At-Large summit in London in 2014. I would have liked to have included this item on the agenda, but since it is not I will extend myself on this point. As you know in 2009 there was a meeting in Mexico. It was a success.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: It is included in the agenda Tijani. We have specifically included At-Large summits.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay then, I won't go on.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: No, unless you want to mention this now and then we'll skip it later.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay, since we're on it let us go to the end. May I remind you that in 2009 there was an At-Large summit in Mexico which was a success, as I was saying. Ever since we've been asking for this not to be a one-time summit for At-Large, so we have proposed a roadmap for future meetings.

Then in the end for our fiscal year 2014 budget, in an off-procedure way we requested that a second At-Large summit be organized in 2014 in London. We've almost had a reply. I don't want to say that it has been approved yet, but if it is approved it will be carried out in London in June 2014. We've asked the whole At-Large community to volunteer and we want to be a part of a working group that will be preparing this summit.

That's all I have to report on ALAC and At-Large activities, with the exception of course and the clarification that I haven't been exactly following them. I don't know if Yaovi has something to add.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: I see Aziz raised his hand, so we're going to give Aziz the floor. Then you will have the floor, Yaovi.

YAOVI ATOHOUN: Thank you. Tijani says he hadn't followed and yet he could do a report at the ALAC level, so I would like to thank him for his report.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Thank you Yaovi. Aziz, you have the floor.

AZIZ HILALI: This is Aziz speaking, it was Yaovi before. I'd like to make a comment on that information. I think it was Sala who organized this. She gathered information on the forms that we were asked for as ALSs. That information on the form is very old, so I suggest that we update it with the principles we have elaborated. That information is much more interesting and much more recent for African ALSs.

INTERPRETER: There is an answering machine interrupting the call.

YAOVI ATOHOUN: I want to hear from Fatimata. I think it's her line that dropped. We're going to call her back then.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Tijani, can you hear me?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, I hear you. It's Fatimata that dropped. Aziz, if you allow me I'd like to tell you that the way this is organized allows me to get the information necessary to do this. What I'm being asked for is to establish contact to get the information regarding the information and all contact information. The idea is to update the Dashboard information, and we can of course make amendments to these forms.

AZIZ HILALI: Great. In that case we should contact the ALSs because we've taken the information as it was submitted on Day 1. I think not all ALSs are still the same.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: That's right Aziz. I told Sala at the very beginning that that information had changed and that's why she asked everyone to update that information. Fatimata, are you back?

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Yes, I'm back.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay, go on then.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: I hear you, but I couldn't speak.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, we couldn't hear you.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: But you can hear me now, right?

AZIZ HILALI: Yes, yes, absolutely.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Perfectly.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: I was typing what I wanted to say. I had said, “All ALSs must login to see whether their information is correct for Sala.” That’s what everyone did. I had tried to suit everyone and to help and gather the information as it regards the language policies, but it is up to you to check whether it’s right or not. So we have to log in and do it ourselves. That’s what I wanted to clarify. Can you hear me?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Perfectly so, actually.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: That’s what I wanted to say. I hope I understood correctly what Tijani said. I see Yaovi is raising his hand, so he can have the floor.

YAOVI ATOHOUN: I just wanted to say that in the case of our ALS it has not changed.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: No, no. He is excusing himself for not having done it, but he is going to do it now. He audio is not good at all, but that’s what he said. I’ve already amended our budget to choose languages and add them, now that I have my eyeglasses on.

If you agree then we can move on to the next item which is to recent and upcoming activities of AFRALO members. We had agreed on the fact that it is no longer necessary to do these over the phone in our teleconferences and that each of you should update his upcoming or recent activities as AFRALO members on our Wiki. This Wiki was updated recently and everyone should be able to add their activities on the Wiki.

AZIZ HILALI:

I have added some information on the event we organized in Marrakesh. I got the information necessary and, of course, I uploaded it.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA:

Is there anyone else? Have you had trouble filling in the Wiki? Everyone should be able to do it with no problem, but we didn't get enough contributions. I understand from this that there hasn't been much activity recently.

We will move on to item number four for now, that is items for information. That is our main item for today as I said at the beginning of the call. The first item is the multi-stakeholder internet governance event, which was organized by ICANN and its African partners. I wouldn't want to extend myself on this item, but I would like to give the floor to all those that participated at the event if you want to speak. So please do tell us about internet governance.

As you know of course we worked on an African strategy for ICANN. We must say, "AfrICANN for Africa," in fact. This is regarding internet governance. This was organized in [Inaudible 17:08] with workshops belonging to the main event so that we could then work on the strategy.

I would like to give the floor to anyone who was there and participated. Who wants to speak about this matter? Otherwise, if you don't want to speak about this Sylvia has already added the link on our agenda. Aziz, I see you raised your hand.

AZIZ HILALI:

Yes, thank you Fatimata. I just wanted to repeat an important announcement that our CEO did. For those who were not there he said that there will be a much greater African representation. There will be a member of staff assigned to Africa.

If Africa as a continent and a region were divided into six regions... Fadi Chehade said many things and in his statement was greatly encouraging for Africa. That shows a great increase in the activities that ICANN thinks of for Africa.

What we saw, because Tijani and I insisted on this and I am sure Tijani will agree with me on this, is that Africa is at an advantage with regards to Asia, not because of internet penetration rates, but because of strategies. We already have a clear strategy and we're just trying to implement it as soon as possible. That's very encouraging.

What's also important and which will be taking place at the ICANN level, I'm not sure how Fadi rates this, but it's a representation of ICANN annexes at the level of Istanbul and Singapore. We'll each work according to our timeframes and our different time zones so that we'll have two sorts of headquarters of ICANN in these two regions for Africa and for Asia. That is just what I wanted to transmit to you what's going on at the ICANN level.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA:

Thank you Aziz. I would now like to give the floor to Victor and Tijani for them to complete this information. Victor?

VICTOR NDONNANG:

Yes, thank you Fatimata. Good evening everyone. I think Aziz has already mentioned the main points that were essential. I just wanted to mention what he said with regards to our Durban meeting in South Africa. I think Aziz's comment was based on the comments of Fadi.

In Durban there will be a sort of prelude to the ICANN meeting. We're thinking of establishing an alliance between different companies who want to develop their own activities and want to organize workshops. I think this is the important part and it was announced that for the next meeting in Durban there will be a draft with documents for the African registrars with the business model in Africa regarding the important parts to implement.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Thank you Victor. Tijani, do you want to complete what was said?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, I wanted to tell you that we've received some messages. The first one was that we have to begin to act. The second is that the President is from Africa, the CEO is from Africa, and the African people want to work more with Africa.

There is also a message which was sent that there are going to be 25 [Inaudible 23:17]. I think it is good that the... What we are going to implement is going to help the registrar to encourage people to get an agreement for these domain names because one of the problems of the registrar is that the cost is too high.

This is the messages that we received, this is the message from our CEO and the four members of the ICANN administration. They want to show the importance they are giving to Africa. We have the full participation of ICANN, our CEO, and our friend, I don't remember his name. ICANN is showing that we have to join with ICANN to play in important role.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Thank you Tijani. Yaovi, do you want the floor?

YAOVI ATOHOUN: Yes. During this meeting some people also said that the information is not only available for the technical people, but we also need to give some capacity building for the population. AFRALO had to present through Fatimata the activities that we are organizing for capacity building in AFRALO. We have some agreement with some participants.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Thank you Yaovi. I want to add some more data. You already gave the essential parts, but I'm going to add that the message that we received from the ICANN CEO is for the young people. It is for the youth because we need more youth, more young people to participate to the governance of the internet.

We want to give some capacity building to the young people before Durban. It's very important to know that young people are going to receive the capacity building. This is a good idea and everybody is very satisfied because young people are going to be implied in those activities. So we are going to work with them. We need them. We need them to help.

The second issue or point is the [Inaudible 27:49] award program we are going to implement in Durban to promote the domain names in Africa, ccTLDs and others. There will be an award and the committee is organized to work on the criteria. I am a member of this committee. We are going to inform you of our work, but the important part is we really like ICANN's commitment and ICANN's CEO's commitment.

We are working with African people with all of the partners that were already. You remember we were urging and asking for some work and now we can see that we are implementing the strategies we wanted to work on. The CEO asked to implement all of the strategies. He told us that he was going to give us the means and we can see that they are already in place, so we are really satisfied.

Did I forget something? No, it's okay. Okay. We are going to the next item, drafting groups on the ALAC ROP.

YAOVI ATOHOUN: Thank you very much. What I want to say about that working group is that the basic work is almost finished. As I told you this group has four subgroups working on the last details. We have a draft that we are going to post in the next day so all of the community can give us its opinion. ALAC wants to post this new version before the next meeting in Beijing. The final version will be available in the next day for comments. Thank you very much.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Thank you Yaovi. Do you have some questions for Yaovi? I have one. Yaovi, can you please speak about the big changes that were introduced into the rules of procedure?

YAOVI ATOHOUN: Yes, the changes were about... when we compare with the last version the changes...

FATIMTA SEYE SYLLA: I'm sorry but we can't hear you Yaovi.

YAOVI ATOHOUN: I can send you a summary to give you the important items and the differences between the new Rules of Procedure and the one we had before. We are waiting for the ALAC Rules of Procedure.

For example, there were some changes for the nominations. We have a way to nominate some people and this was changed in the new document. For example, we were speaking about the Executive Committee, and in the new version we speak about the Leadership Committee.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Yaovi, we can't hear you. We were asking you if you could send us the summary on the Wiki list.

YAOVI ATOHOUN: Okay, I'm going to send you some lines and post it on the list so you have an idea of those changes.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Okay, thank you. If there are no questions we are going to move to the next item, At-Large new gTLD review group on the ALAC applications objections. Aziz and I were the members of this group. Aziz, you have the floor.

AZIZ HILALI: Fatimata, I would prefer you to speak about that.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: You prefer that I speak about that? Okay, I'm going to speak about that. I sent you a document on new gTLDs. You know that the work of our group was to finalize the comments on applications for new gTLDs and to propose some objections on some of those applications.

We have received some applications for new gTLDs so we began with the main issues. There was .amazon, .newyork, and other applications. For the first two it was Latin America. The comments and objections came and we said that we wanted AFRALO to say something about that. We decided not to do any objections on those two items. On the .newyorkcity, we abandoned it because the person retracted herself. The person who made the comments retracted herself.

Then we had another group of comments on .health. There were four applications for .health and another that was an ID and application which wanted to work with .health. We had a lot of meetings on that

issue and we had to analyze the criteria on which our objections for that application were based. Each one of us noted his objections and the result was that we decided to prepare a draft of objections to present to ALAC on the domain name .health.

Then we realized that we had to ask for an IDN in Chinese if that means “.somethingelse”. Because the character chain means health, we decided that it was different. Once we had prepared the draft we had to ask every member of every RALO in the group if he was agreeing, and if he agreed to prepare an objection against .health.

For each application we had to say, “I agree with that application,” or, “I don’t agree.” I sent it to the list, I posted it to the list, and nobody reacted. Then the African meeting took place in [Inaudible 38:37] and I took that opportunity to ask the ALSs that were there if they agreed or not. The majority was agreeing and had no objections on the .health regarding these four applicants.

Then Tijani talked about ALAC, and they are working on that issue. That is what I had to say. We are analyzing the work of this group and we have received a lot of support for .health saying that it was necessary to object to .health. But in the working group on new gTLDs, in the review group some people didn’t agree and said that we had to accept that. Tijani, do you want to add something?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Yes, Fatimata. First, the review group is part of the working group on new gTLDs. This is a subgroup for that working issue. The second issue is that in ALAC we have to vote on the four objections of .health, but I think there won’t be any objections on that .health.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA:

Okay, thank you very much Tijani. So, it is voted? Finally you have voted?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: You are voting?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: The vote is ending today.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Are there any questions? Yaovi?

YAOVI ATOHOUN: No, thank you, it's okay.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Okay. So let's move to the next activity of our agenda, that is the capacity building working group. Tijani, you have the floor.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: On the capacity building working group, as we said this working group is working very well and is collecting information. It is for this reason that we wanted to update the information regarding ALAC. We have a plan to analyze this information after collecting it. I think that for this working group I don't have much to add to what I already said. Next month we are going to implement the actions decided by this working group.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Okay, thank you very much Tijani. Let's move to the next item. Item five is items for discussion. Baudouin has a question.

BAUDOUIN SCHOMBE: Yes, I want to ask a question.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: What is your question? You have the floor.

BAUDOUIN SCHOMBE: I didn't understand what the capacity building working group working is on. Which capacity building are we speaking about?

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: There is a working group for capacity building. This working group has been working for a long time and now they are... We were speaking about the ALSs who had to identify their language work, the data we have on them, and tell us if that data is correct. This working group has been working for a long time. Tijani, you have the floor.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: We began working some months ago. We first collected information regarding the ALSs of At-Large. This information is going to be used to determine the population. Our target population is the At-Large members, so we want to know about this population as to know what the needs are for each category of people, what the decisions are we need to take, or the tools or methods we need to use to better understand this population.

The collection of information is almost finished. We are at the end of this process and now we are going to wait for everybody to update their information and send it to us. Then we are going to analyze this

information and we are going to propose a capacity building program for At-Large.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Thank you Tijani. Can you speak now about the virtual capacity building for the African ALS? Sylvia, do you want to take the floor?

SYLVIA VIVANCO: Yes, Fatimata, if I may just quickly. Actually at point five I wanted to ask about the progress of the collection information for the virtual capacity building activities that we are planning for Africa. I know that AFRALO wanted to collect information from ALSs based on the activities done before. I just posted the link to the capacity building Wiki. That is my question, how is that going? Thank you.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Thank you Sylvia. Yes, we were just about to speak about that and to speak about these activities. Tijani, you have the floor.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I'm going to speak about that virtual capacity building. We had already said to the staff that we wanted to go on without asking the AFRALO members for their opinions. We only received seven contributions. Those contributions gave us the subject that they need to [Inaudible 47:52] on the ICANN composition, infrastructure, etcetera and the role of ICANN in internet infrastructure.

The ICANN policy [Inaudible 48:08]. Then there were some questions about some policies like new gTLDs and domain names like IDN. In the new gTLDs someone asked us to explain the [Inaudible 48:38]. Then people asked to speak about the public participation into ICANN decisions and to speak about the internet structures.

The last issue was the capacity building program. If we want to do a capacity building on capacity building it is a little bit difficult. But if we agree on those items Fatimata is going to send a letter to the staff and we are going to implement this program with the people responsible to do the capacity building. We need to work a little bit quicker, we are losing time. I am finished Fatimata. You have the floor. Fatimata, are you there? Apparently we have lost Fatimata.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Adigo is trying to call her back.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay, thank you. While we wait to call Fatimata back I'd like to know whether anyone has any questions regarding the information because we won't wait anymore. I just need to be sure that everyone is clear on what I've said.

AZIZ HILALI: Tijani, I just wanted to propose that we add the results of these polls on the list so that we could make other ALSs react if there is something they'd like to add.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Certainly, I'll do it tomorrow morning, but we're still going to begin work. The fiscal year is almost over and we have an agreement to complete all of this information before the end of the fiscal year.

AZIZ HILALI: All I'm asking of you is that we probably should make it for ALSs to be able to make their comments and not wait until the end of the fiscal year.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you Aziz. I will do it tomorrow morning. Okay, Fatimata says we should go on.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: I'm back.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Great.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Adigo tried to call me.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I didn't understand you, Fatimata. Fatimata? We've lost her.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: No, I'm here. Can you hear me?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, we can hear you Fatimata.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Adigo tried to call me twice, so I couldn't decide which phone to pick up. As I was saying, I tried to explain that this is an issue that dates back to Toronto, I think.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, that's right, since Toronto.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Okay, we've been waiting for the ALSs to react since Toronto. We've done this a dozen times. We can no longer do it because we've got work to do, ICANN is waiting for us, and they have been waiting for a long time. What they haven't done so far should be left aside.

We can't wait for people to react. It is always the same people who react and it is always the same people who don't react. This is serious; we cannot say one thing and then when it comes to doing something about the thing we have to spend another month trying to see who will take care of that.

BAUDOUIIN SCHOMBE: Excuse me. Can I say something?

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Yes, go on.

BAUDOUIIN SCHOMBE: This is Baudouin. I'm trying to speak.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Yes, go on Baudouin.

BAUDOUIIN SCHOMBE: Precisely I wanted to say that I saw the message, but I didn't have internet connection.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Baudouin, could you please set up what your preferences will be.

BAUDOUIN SCHOMBE: I'll do it tomorrow.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Honestly, I propose today is the last deadline. If someone has anything they want to say they should do it today. Tijani, tomorrow you can send this. It will be all posted on the Wiki.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I wanted to tell Baudouin that he has already sent his contribution and that it has been taken into account.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Unfortunately I cannot hear you properly, but I'll hear you through the Adobe Connect. I think that'll be easier.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Baudouin has already sent his contribution.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: The audio is very bad. I'm going to drop the phone and I'm going to listen to you through the Adobe Connect.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: So you won't be participating anymore? Hello? Okay then, let's go on. We've gone through all these items and now we have to mention the additional requests. The finance department has a committee to decide on these sorts of matters.

INTERPRETER: I'm sorry, Tijani's audio is too faint, and we cannot interpret.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Hi Tijani. Sorry to interrupt you, but the interpreters cannot hear you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay then. Tell Adigo to call me on another line. I will give you alternative numbers.

AZIZ HILALI: Now we hear you perfectly well Tijani. Go on.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Can you hear me? Can I go on?

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Do you think Aziz can go on with the call? Hello? We're trying to get Tijani's call back.

AZIZ HILALI: I cannot hear anything anymore.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Okay, so we'll just keep waiting for speakers to come back. Fatimata, are you back with us?

MICHEL TCHONANG: This is Michel. Can you hear me?

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Yes, we can hear you Michel.

MICHEL TCHONANG: Okay, thank you.

YAOVI ATOHOUN: We are waiting for everyone to come back, right?

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Yes, they've asked us to wait. Tijani, can you hear us?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, I hear you.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Okay, perfect then. You're back.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay, apparently you can hear me properly. I'm not sure if everyone can hear me properly. Shall we go on? Good. Okay, Sylvia, I cannot hear you. I'll go on.

SYLVIA VIVANCO: Yes, please.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I'll go back to the additional requests. As we said there are additional budget requests that we put in. There has been a change this year because in past years we've always said that the budget was approved for actions between July and October to be organized. That is the

reason why this year we had two tracks: of course the fast track and then the regular track.

For July through September and October we're going to follow the fast track. The deadline for that fast track is March 22nd. That is very soon. If you have an activity and you want to implement it during the period from July through October, please make your requests by March 22nd.

These requests should be sent to AFRALO and AFRALO will forward them to ALAC, and then finally it is the finance and budget subcommittee that will send these requests from ALAC to the finance committee. So please put in your requests as soon as possible. Send them to AFRALO.

For those activities that have been organized for after October 2013 you are going to follow the regular track. For that regular track, our deadline would be April 19th. If you organize your events before the end of October or you organize them after October your deadline will change either from March 22nd or to April 19th. Is this clear? Does anyone have any questions they want to ask?

MICHEL TCHONANG: Hi, Tijani?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes Michel.

MICHEL TCHONANG: Your sound was very choppy and I couldn't follow really. What I want to know is what the deadline is. I was saying that I wanted you to repeat what the deadline was because I couldn't hear you, it was too choppy. I'm sorry Tijani, but I cannot understand you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I'll repeat what I said. For those activities organized to be held before the end of October you have to put in your request before March 22nd. For activities to be organized after the end of October you have until April to submit your requests. Is that clear?

MICHEL TCHONANG: Yes, yes, it's very clear. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay, do we have any other questions? If there are no other questions we will go directly to the next item on the agenda. Hello? If we move on to the next item on the agenda that would be, I'm not sure whether other items or not because I do not have the same agenda as you have online.

To move on to the next item, which is the APRALO/AfrICANN joint meeting in Beijing. I wanted to say that the remaining items are APRALO/AfrICANN joint meeting in Beijing and activities to be programmed for July in Durban, and then the virtual capacity building. No, we've already done the virtual capacity building. We only have to go through the Durban meeting. Good, so we'll move on to our Beijing meeting.

We have scheduled as usual a joint meeting with AfrICANN. We will go on to the AfrICANN internet development fund, which is an issue we've already addressed the last time we met. As you see we have undertaken an assignment which will need working groups. We've already got names for the action group. If you want to participate in the group please do send us your e-mail address or write to those in charge of this drafting group.

The statement project must be ready by the end of next week or on March 22nd so we can have an accessible document before the Beijing meeting. They have proposed for us to do this at the joint meeting

between AFRALO and AfrICANN. Aziz, because you're in charge of this group I'd like you to talk now. Go on.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you Tijani. I sent an e-mail on the African list and we received seven volunteers who wanted to join the draft committee. They are [Reading names 70:18]. I'm going to prepare a draft and send it to this committee and we are going to agree on the final draft.

We are going to work on that during the next meeting, that is to say, in Beijing. I am going to try to draft this before the next ten days so we can agree on the draft committee and we will send it to you to finalize it. There is a work that has already been done and we are going to take it back and update it.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you Aziz, very well. I think a working group with six or seven people is too much. It is difficult to work with so many people. So yes, you have to update the work you already did, and then we are going to try to finalize it before the Beijing meeting so we can present something boiled down during the meeting. I wanted to ask Aziz about the work of that working group. Can they send us this work before the Beijing meeting?

AZIZ HILALI:

Yes, we already said that. We are going to send it to you before the Beijing meeting.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Michel, the draft that is going to be prepared will be first on the list before the Beijing meeting. Okay? Okay, thank you.

AZIZ HILALI: Okay, thank you Tijani.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you Aziz.

AZIZ HILALI: I wanted to add, Michel, that normally when we meet at the AFRALO/AfrICANN level we have an agreement on the statements that will be read during the meeting. Sometimes we can add some things or we can change some things during the AfrICANN meeting.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay, I thought some changes had been made. Okay, if there are no other comments...

AZIZ HILALI: Yes, I have to leave in five minutes. If we can finish our meeting in five minutes it will be okay for me.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay. The last item is the activities to be programmed for July in Durban. We have some time to prepare it, but we need to think about it and we need to have some imagination. We don't want to do the same thing we already did in Dakar, so we want something else. We want to change what we did in Dakar from the Nairobi event. We need a good event, but well-done as it was in Nairobi and as it was in Dakar. I hope Durban will be better, so please, we need your imagination.

MICHEL TCHONANG: Tijani, I wanted to propose to create a small committee to work on that activity. Maybe it is simple to work on that issue through a committee.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, I agree with you, but first we are going to create that committee. But before we need to innovate, so everybody needs to work on that and try to have new ideas so our showcase is different, in a good way of course. We need to implement new activities, other activities that will be positive for our RALO to give more of its ability to our RALO. So please think about it and send us your ideas so we will be well prepared for Durban.

MICHEL TCHONANG: Tijani, please. I wanted to know, because I know that in South Africa we have a meeting. There are some people we know, we have an ALS, because in Dakar it was the ALS that was not assisting to this meeting.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay. I hope we can be more innovative. Michel, we are not in the implementing phase. We are in the part of the ideas. We need ideas. We need to innovate, so please think about that. Think about new ideas to organize something very well-made, different, well-organized, and different from what we made before. During the next meeting we are going to hear your ideas, your proposals, and in April we are going to create this working group which will prepare these activities for Durban.

AZIZ HILALI: Yes, I wanted to give some more precision Tijani for Michel and other people. The idea we have is to send us your ideas on the AFRALO list. Then when we've agreed on the ideas we are going to create a working group or organization committee which will organize the showcase in Durban. But for now, please send us all your ideas. Send us ideas on the mailing list. Don't wait for the next teleconference to think about it.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Michel, you don't agree? Why don't you agree?

MICHEL TCHONANG: I don't agree because we can do some work first collecting information and ideas, for example. And then we can summarize what has been proposed. I think we can create the committee first.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay Michel, the idea was to ask everybody, not only the working group members, to work on that issue. We want everybody to give us their ideas. I think we need to an action item to send to the mailing list this request so people send us their ideas of activities, etcetera for Durban. Aziz, do you agree with that proposal.

AZIZ HILALI: Yes, yes. It's okay, but I have to leave. This meeting had to last only an hour and we have been working for two hours. So thank you everyone, thank you everybody. Thank you Nathalie, I am leaving.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you Aziz, good night. Are there any new ideas or new questions about that item? I don't see any hands, so thank you everybody. The meeting is closed. Thank you to the interpreters.